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## Murder probe after death in house fire

A murder inquiry has been launched after a man was killed and a woman and two teenage girls injured in a house fire in Walsall.

A 46-year-old woman has been arrested on suspicion of murder following the blaze in Pleck Road.

Shocked neighbours said they watched one girl climb out of her bedroom window to escape the flames and heard screaming and glass breaking.

The fire broke out at 5.15am on Monday. A man in his 40s was confirmed dead at the scene, while a teenage girl is in a critical condition in Birmingham Children's Hospital after suffering life-threatening burns.

The other teenage girl, who was seen climbing out of the window, had suffered a broken leg. A woman also suffered smoke inhalation. Both were taken to Walsall Manor Hospital.

West Midlands Police spokesman David Hodgetts said a 46-year-old woman was arrested at the scene on suspicion of murder.

"Forensic scene investigators and detectives are gathering evidence and talking to witnesses," he added.

Emergency services have cordoned off the terraced house, which has two badly-blackened upstairs windows, and five others in the street.

Stunned neighbours huddled in groups in the street discussing the tragedy. They said the family who lived there were mainly from Africa but the father was believed to be from Portugal.

One neighbour said: "I heard screams and then a girl from the house came and knocked on my door and asked for our help. She kept saying 'my sister is inside'."

"I called the police straight away."

The fire-hit property belonged to Caldmore Housing Association. Spokeswoman Claire Barratt said: "We are co-operating fully with police who are carrying out a full investigation into the fire and we are offering support to our residents."

Neighbours said they were in total shock by the tragedy and described the early-hours scene as chaos.

Anyone with information should call West Midlands Police on 0345 113 5000.

## Two minutes to get parking ticket

Drivers who leave their cars on town centre roads where new parking charges have just come into force have only two minutes to get a ticket and stick it to their windscreen.

Some motorists have hit out at the short time allowed in Walsall and said there should be a longer period of grace while people get used to the new charges. Machines have been installed in 19 town centre streets with the 20p per 10 minute fee being brought in from March 7.

Roads affected include Hatherton Street, Lichfield Street and Station Street. Driver Keith Ricardo said he was shocked when he received a parking fine just two minutes after pulling into a space in Abblewell Street last week. The company owner, of Chucky's, claims he went to look at the machines before ducking into a shop to get some change.

But when he returned two minutes later, a warden was issuing a parking fine. Mr Ricardo, aged 68, said: "I wasn't trying to avoid any charge, I was just trying to get change."

Paul Leighton, group leader for traffic management and parking at Walsall Council, said: "We do allow a short period of time for motorists to purchase the required pay and display ticket."

Father guilty of murdering former girlfriend with knife

# LIFE FORMAN WHO KILLED HIS EX-LOVER

A father who killed his ex-girlfriend by plunging a knife into her neck in a "ferocious" attack has been given a life sentence after being found guilty of murder.

Carl Truffas did not even flinch when the jury at Wolverhampton Crown Court convicted him of killing 23-year-old Natalie James at her flat in Walsall on August 7 last year.

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## Erin's PA admits stealing

The personal assistant of Walsall supermodel Erin O'Connor has been warned she could face jail for stealing thousands of pounds from her boss to fund a lavish lifestyle.

Michelle Knox-Brown, aged 46, "dishonestly abused her position" to finance holidays in Morocco, India, Spain and America using O'Connor's credit card.

The trusted aide frequently ordered cars on O'Connor's taxi account and, on one occasion, even went as far as to buy herself a new bathroom for her flat in Hackney, east London.

Knox-Brown, of Glyn Road, east London, admitted two charges of fraud including stealing £10,251.32 and spending £1,607.44 on the taxis. Judge Paul Dodgson, sitting at Kingston Crown Court, south west London, told her: "You have pleaded guilty to very serious offences. You know they are serious. A custodial sentence is a very real possibility."

It took the jury 31 minutes to reach the unanimous verdict. Truffas, aged 33, of Kendall Court, Walsall Wood, had denied murder, claiming he acted in self-defence and stabbed the mother of two accidentally as they tussled with the knife she had picked up.

But Miss James's friend Jennifer Staples told the trial she saw Truffas bound into the kitchen "manic and wide-eyed", grab the mother by her throat and pick up the knife.

Miss James, who had given birth to their son six weeks before, bled to death after the knife severed an artery. Police were at the flat in Kings Road, Rushall, moments before the killing, responding to a burglary carried out by Truffas.

### Skulked

Judge John Warner, who told Truffas he would serve at least 16 years behind bars minus the 227 days spent in custody, said: "You later went back and skulked around and waited until the police had gone. You burst into the kitchen and launched an attack on her."

"As a result of your actions two young children, one very young, have lost their mother." Judge Warner called it a "ferocious" attack.

Miss James's mother Gillian, 44, of Bloxwich, said her daughter had been taken away in "the most devastating of circumstances". She added: "We are relieved the correct verdict has been reached." Truffas was also given a two-year concurrent prison sentence for the burglary.

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## Cracking roles for dancers



Jessica Till, left, and Sasha Woodward - chosen for the English Youth Ballet.

Two Walsall youngsters are to perform with the English Youth Ballet.

Sasha Woodward, aged 11, and Jessica Till, 12, both of Willenhall, are in The Nutcracker at Shrewsbury's Severn Theatre.

Sasha, of Portobello, and Jessica, of Moseley, beat stiff competition to get places in the shows on July 22 and 23. The girls, who

both attend Willenhall's Dance Xtreme school at the Chart Centre, Gomer Street, will practice with the company throughout summer.

Sasha's mother, Elizabeth, said they did classes three to four times a week. "She has dreams about becoming a professional ballerina. We couldn't be prouder. Both the girls have worked so hard and have done extremely well."

## Compulsory redundancy for 140 jobs

More than 140 jobs could be axed through compulsory redundancy at Walsall Council in the next financial year.

Bosses also revealed more than 500 jobs will be lost over the next three years - more than originally expected. They said they were doing everything possible to reduce the need for compulsory redundancies.

So far, 137 people have taken voluntary redundancy following 202 expressions of interest. But it means some 203 jobs will still have to be lost through compulsory redundancies this financial year.

A total of 187 of the jobs to be axed at the local authority are vacant posts.

Rory Borealis, Walsall Council executive director, said: "To date, 137 people have taken voluntary redundancy but it is important to remember the process is continuing and this figure may well change."

"The council is deleting 503 posts over three years of which 203 are potential compulsory redundancy during 2010/11 and 142 in 2011/12, although officers are working hard to minimise this through initiatives such as redeployment opportunities."

"The voluntary redundancy process is still ongoing and continues to reduce and mitigate the need for compulsory redundancies."

He added that some members of staff have already left. It was originally thought the council would have to axe 438 jobs in its battle to save £65 million over the next three years.

Union bosses have complained the job cuts risk "stripping the social and economic fibre of Walsall".

Other money-saving measures this year have included the closure of Darlston market, an overhaul of the way meals on wheels are delivered and the closure of the Local History Centre on Fridays.

## Bogus dentist sent to prison

A fake dentist who used a bogus qualification to earn £230,000 in hospitals in Wolverhampton and nationally has been jailed for three years by a judge, who described her as "evasive and manipulative".

Vinisha Sharma, aged 37, of Willenhall, used the fake Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree from India to work in seven NHS trusts over nine years.

Sharma had no qualifications after dropping out of a five-year dentistry course in London after four years in the 1990s, but began her eight-month stint at New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton, in 2000.

Sharma, of Honeybourne Way, was reported to the regulator after allegedly extracting the wrong teeth from a child while working in Burton-upon-Trent. The allegation was never proven.

She admitted seven charges of fraud and forgery, but later tried to change her plea to not guilty and still maintains her innocence, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard on Monday.

Judge Amjad Nawaz told former Wolverhampton Girls High School pupil Sharma everything she had done was "pre-meditated and deliberate."

The judge said Sharma, had shown herself to be "evasive and manipulative" by her efforts to change her pleas even after admitting the offences.

The court was told the institute in India where she claimed to have earned her qualification had no record of her. She said she was the victim of a "corrupt system" in India. Her barrister, Mr Colin Aylott, said: "She has lost everything. She had financial independence and a career and she recognises there's no prospect she will ever be able to work in dentistry again."

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# Opening at centre to be cut

Walsall Local History Centre will close on Fridays from May 2.

Closing the centre for an extra day each week aims to save Walsall Council £188,888 over the next three years.

Plans to reduce opening hours at the Essex Road centre were unveiled as part of the authority's budget and a consultation was held to find out when the centre was busiest. History centre manager Ruth Vyse commented: "The views of our users are very important to us."

"I would like to thank everyone who took part in the consultation."

"Their feedback has been very useful in helping us decide which additional days we should close and in terms of when it will have the most impact on our users."

"We will continue to open on Saturday mornings to provide time for people to use the centre outside the normal working week."

The decision means from May 2, the centre will be open on Tuesdays 9.30am to 5.30pm; Wednesdays 9.30am to 7pm; Thursdays from 9.30am to 5.30pm and Saturdays from 9.30am to 1pm.

The centre already closes on Mondays. The Local History Centre collects, preserves and makes available the borough's records.

Among the records it holds are those belonging to local firms, council records, photographs, maps and oral history recordings.

As well as scaling back opening hours at the centre, there is also expected to be a reduction in the number of posts, conservation of and work on, collections and outreach work.

# Home open days

A couple are opening their Walsall home up to people interested in saving money on electricity after discovering they could save more than 70 per cent on bills.

Jane and Martin Norman, of Gorway Road, started insulating the walls of their home in 1999 when they realised what improvements they could make.

They also installed a more efficient

boiler and have seen their bills plummet from £1,300 a year for gas to £270, and from £550 to about £230 for electricity.

Martin, aged 65, and Jane, aged 66, of Gorway Road, will be hosting three "open days" on April 1, 2 and 3.

To make an appointment for a tour on one of the open days call 01922 612625 or email martin.norman@tiscali.co.uk

# Blakemore take over

Walsall's AF Blakemore & Son has taken over the Welsh Spar wholesaler Capper & Co which will boost the company's turnover to £1.1 billion, and create the UK's largest Spar wholesaler.

Blakemore's 5,572 workers will merge with the 2,418 employed by Capper & Co.

The latter will trade as a separate division of Blakemore, which has its

headquarters in Long Acre Industrial Estate, Willenhall.

Managing director Peter Blakemore said: "A F Blakemore and Capper & Co are similar companies that have a shared history and a common set of values."

"The two businesses operate in regions adjacent to each other, and this will allow for many benefits to be realised."

# Swim for free will be axed

Free swimming for schoolchildren and the over-60s in Walsall is facing the axe from this autumn due to a funding shortage.

The scheme was safeguarded for a further 12 months last year after £84,000 was secured by Walsall Council, including money from Walsall NHS. But budget cuts mean the project is poised to end in September when cash runs out. However, council chiefs are looking to introduce a reduced rate for under-16s to encourage more to swim.

Council leader Mike Bird said free swimming is due to end after six months because of financial constraints.

He said: "As it stands there will be no free swimming after September, what we are looking at is if we can offer a discounted scheme for children."

"The money is running out and as far as we are aware NHS Walsall is not able to fund it to the level they have. We recognise swimming promotes healthy living in young people."

It was initially expected the scheme would end last summer due to Government cuts but the council managed to keep it running.

Chris Holliday, head of leisure and community health at Walsall Council, said: "Whilst the 60-plus swimming has been well supported it is the free swimming for young people that has exceeded expectations."

Funding will continue until September 30 and we're currently working with our partners and reviewing what we'll do from October. Everyone's budgets are getting tighter and that applies to us as well.

"Ideally we hope to have a scheme that still encourages youngsters in particular, but one that encourages fun and physical activity in a safe environment and still balances the books."

# Widow's appeal to find special scarf

A grieving widow who has lost her late husband's scarf in a Reedswood supermarket car park is appealing to shoppers who may have seen it.

Doreen Richardson lost the scarf in the afternoon of Wednesday March 16, on Sainburys car park, Green Lane, Walsall.

The chequered wool scarf is various shades of cream and beige and holds great sentimental value.

If anyone thinks they have found or seen the scarf contact Mrs Richardson on 01922 415488.

A reward is being offered.

# Charity in appeal to find cat carers

The RSPCA in Walsall has launched a desperate appeal for people to come forward and foster cats.

The charity has just three cat fosterers on its books, meaning only six moggies can be helped at any one time. The situation has been made worse by a recent surge in the number of unwanted and stray cats.

Anyone interested in fostering cats call RSPCA Walsall on 0845 272 3570.

# Natalie was looking to a brighter future

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Natalie James had everything to live for. The mother of a seven-year-old boy, she had also given birth to another beautiful baby boy just six weeks earlier.

Recovering from the acrimonious break-up of her relationship with the baby's father, Carl Truffas, the 23-year-old thought the worst was behind her and was ready to move forward with her life.

She met Truffas, nearly 10 years her senior, in 2007. They were together for about two years when she fell pregnant in September 2009, shortly after which she moved into the Kings Road flats in Rushall.

They split up for about three months during her pregnancy, during which time he slept with another woman before they were reconciled, and Truffas lived with her briefly at her flat.

He was present at the birth of their son in July 2010, but they split up again within weeks.

Natalie told friends she was unable to forgive him for the fling he had had, despite unsubstantiated accusations from Truffas that she had slept with another man.

Six weeks after the birth of their son, Natalie was moving on with her life, despite an argument with Truffas - who has a daughter from a previous relationship - over which day he could have access to their son.

## Unwind

Leaving her children with her mother for the night, Natalie had gone to friend Louise Hunter's home in Bloxwich on August 6 to unwind with evening drinks.

Little did she realise that a mistakenly-sent text message would trigger a violent chain of events that would send her life spiralling out of control in a matter of hours and result in leaving her little boys without a mother and a family without their daughter.

She accidentally sent a flirty text message intended for a male friend, to Truffas later in the evening - and was immediately upset and worried about what he would do.

Subsequent phone calls made it clear to Truffas that Natalie was not at home, and he flew into a rage, having drunk eight pints and taken a gram of cocaine, and assumed she was seeing another man.

Natalie told her friend she thought Truffas would "smash her place up" and said she wanted to go home. She called a taxi and arrived home at about 2am on August 7.

Her assumption was correct. Truffas had rushed to her flat, broken in and let out his fury by smashing up her TV. When she arrived minutes later all she could do was survey the damage and call the police. Having disappeared and briefly been picked up by police officers who wrongly suspected him of a hit-and-run crash nearby, Truffas was released and returned to Natalie's flat.

## Dealing

She did not know that he was waiting for police dealing with the break-in to leave. But what he did not know was that Natalie was in the company of friend, Jennifer Staples.

As Truffas saw the officers drive away, he burst into her home "manic and wide-eyed", grabbed Natalie by the throat and a serrated knife from her kitchen. Miss Staples ran to dial 999, making a harrowing phone call later played to the jury, pleading for police to hurry and saying "he's killing her". She returned to find her friend slumped on the floor covered in blood, having been stabbed many times, with Truffas kneeling over her telling her he was sorry.

Truffas then also dialled 999, and on the tape played in court he was heard asking the barely conscious Natalie for her postcode as she lay bleeding to death. The 23-year-old died from massive blood loss after the knife was embedded in her neck, planted there by the father of her six-week-old baby.

Prosecutor Miss Deborah Gould told Truffas: "You shoved a knife into her



Stabbing victim - Natalie James



Carl Truffas - starts life sentence



The flats in Kings Road, Rushall, where Natalie was stabbed to death

neck five times, in her shoulder once and in her back twice, and in the immediate aftermath you did apologise to her as she lay dying."

Police arrived to see Truffas straddling Natalie's blood-soaked body and leaning down over her. At first he denied both burglary and murder.

He eventually admitted burglary, but put Natalie's family through the pain of a trial which went on for weeks as everything that happened on that night was gone through in minute detail.

He cried in the witness box as he claimed the stabbing was an accident which had happened while the two were grappling with the knife.

But the jury was not convinced and convicted him of murder.

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## Speed limit plan could fail

Moves to cut the speed limit along a main Walsall route hit by a series of accidents could be scrapped by objections.

A 30mph restriction has been proposed along Sutton Road instead of the current 40mph.

But complaints have been lodged about the plan for the busy route between Walsall and Pheasey. A Watchman sign which flashes up drivers' registration

numbers when caught speeding is still being installed near to Longwood Lane although it is yet to be switched on.

If objections remain, the plan will need to be debated at a formal meeting.

Glyn Oliver, of Walsall Council said: "The advertised traffic regulation orders for the speed reductions have received a small number of objections.

"We are attempting to resolve the objections but if these are not withdrawn we will have to report to the relevant committee for determination.

"We are still waiting for the connection of the electricity supply by E.ON to the Watchman sign. Roads across the borough have been earmarked for lower speeds to improve safety following a review by council chiefs.

## Crime appointments

Victims of crime may have to make appointments to see officers under a radical shake-up outlined by West Midlands Police today.

People making non-emergency calls will have to arrange to meet with officers. At the moment, officers tell victims they will get to them when they can. That means that victims are sometimes out when police visit.

The force is trying to save £125 million over four years and shedding

2,250 jobs. Senior officers also say new local investigation teams will be set up to speed up crimefighting.

The moves are being piloted in Birmingham and Solihull from June 1 and will then be rolled out in the Black Country.

West Midlands Police spokeswoman Zoe Lee said: "An appointment system will mean the public are clear about when the police aim to attend."

## Father and son found at home dead

Post mortems were being carried out on the bodies of a father and son found at an address in Brownhills. The grim discovery was made at a home in Fourth Avenue on March 23 after a call from a concerned neighbour. It is believed the two named thought to be Leonard and Carl Ross, may have been victims of some kind of gas leak.

The deaths are being treated as unexplained but police have reassured residents they are not treating them as suspicious. It is believed Leonard Ross was in his 80s while his son, a former welder, was in his 40s.

Neighbours had grown concerned after not seeing anything of the two men for a couple of weeks.

Gas workers were drafted in to check for a leak. National Grid Gas Alliance spokeswoman Jane Taylor said: "We carried out a test on the gas system in the property and it is fine.

We think it is the butane gas fire that is the cause of the problems."

Neighbours said the family had lived in the rented, end terrace house owned by Watmos Community Homes for three decades.

Frail Leonard is thought to have been in his 80s and Carl in his mid 40s. Neighbours said they were keen mechanics in their spare time and a number of vehicles were kept in their garden.

Carl, a former Brownhills Comprehensive pupil, was unemployed although it is believed he previously worked as a welder.

Elaine Aker, aged 57, who lives opposite the men said she had contacted housing bosses as they had not been seen for a number of weeks.

"I used to see them on a Tuesday going shopping but I hadn't seen them in about three weeks so I started to get worried," she said.

Anyone with information about the deaths should call Walsall Police on 0345 113 5000.

## Moves to save tower

A former mayor has offered to take the spire of a derelict church in Walsall to save it from the bulldozers.

Residents have been battling for almost 20 years to see action taken to improve the disused Mellish Road Methodist Church which has suffered vandalism and arson.

Now former Councillor Richard Worrall hopes to acquire the land to preserve it as a heritage landmark. The rest of the site would be available for re-development.

Mr Worrall, aged 66, said: "If there is an ounce of willingness on the part of the owners to keep the tower, this is their opportunity.

"This is really important for Walsall which has a dreadful track record with old buildings.

"One of the few successes we can be proud of is, when I was on the council, we were able to save the facade of the Red Lion pub, Park Street.

"Those lost include the train station canopy."

## Threats with knife

A Walsall labourer threatened a couple with a knife after they complained about anti-social behaviour by youths outside their home, a court heard.

Thomas Shaw went to their home with the weapon and told them: "If you don't like it you can move. You can leave."

Wolverhampton Crown Court last week heard the Shaw, aged 40, also made a threat as he left the house on Hawthorn Road, The Delves on July 19.

Shaw, of Lichfield Road, Pelsall, admitted affray and got a 12 month jail term, suspended for a year, and supervision for a year. A restraining order also bans him from contacting the victims or going anywhere near their home.

# Five charged after drug raids by police

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Five men have been charged with conspiracy to supply drugs following early morning raids across Walsall. Nine people were arrested as part of Operation Eliminate, which saw cannabis factories discovered in Halford Crescent, Coalpool, and Dorchester Road, New Invention.

Five men attended Walsall Magistrates Court last week. They are Raymond Clarke, aged 23, of Hawbush Road, Leamore; Simon Saubuna, aged 30, of Halford Crescent, Coalpool; Charles Ukbong, 25, of Birmingham Road, Walsall; Asif Jhangeer, 31, of Wolverhampton Road, Walsall; and Rory Allen, 23, of Scarborough Close, Alumwell, who all face various drugs charges including conspiracy to supply.

They will reappear at Birmingham Crown Court on June 15. More than 60 officers were involved in the raids, which took place across the borough. Homes were raided in Bentley, Darlaston, Alumwell and Leamore.

Drug hotspots across Walsall have been targeted as part of a large-scale crackdown which saw nine people arrested in early morning raids.

Operation Eliminate saw more than 60 officers swoop on a number of addresses across the borough. Two cannabis factories were discovered and class A drugs were also seized as officers stepped up the fight against drug crime.

The operation, which was months in the planning, was prompted by Walsall communities coming forward

to ask police to tackle street level dealing and anti-social behaviour.

After the raid, officers from Walsall Partnership turned their attention to cleaning up drugs dens and derelict buildings being used for anti-social behaviour.

Among them was the former Jabez Cliff and Co site in Lower Forster Street, which was boarded up.

Clive Wright, director of Walsall Partnership, said: "There are activities going on involving cleaning up drug paraphernalia and we are looking at particular buildings that are being used as drugs dens.

"We will be boarding some of those up."

### Situation

He said the situation would be monitored closely and all partners involved in Operation Eliminate would work together to clamp down on drugs on Walsall's streets.

He added: "There will be work going on to try to prevent young people from getting into drugs in the first place.

"We will be considering issues like treatment and working with social landlords, where appropriate to evict people."

A 24-year-old man who was also arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to supply has been bailed pending further inquiries.

A 31-year-old man arrested on suspicion to supply controlled drugs is helping police with their inquiries.

Two other people, a woman arrested for possession of drugs has been cautioned, and a man who was arrested in connection with an assault has been transferred to another police force.

Inquiries are continuing.

## Dental patients will have a choice of surgery sites

Patients who need urgent dental care will get a choice about where to go following a move of Walsall's NHS Dental Access Centre.

The service is aimed at adults and children who are not registered with a dentist and require urgent dental treatment or advice.

The service is based at the NHS Walk-in Centre in Walsall's Market Square, but it will transfer to two other clinics in the borough from Saturday. One will be permanently based

at Blakenall Village Centre, Thames Road, with a second clinic following a fixed timetable between the health centres in Brace Street, Caldmore, Pinfold Street in Darlaston and Chester Road North, Brownhills.

The move is intended to reduce pressure on the walk-in centre in Walsall town centre.

First, out of hours dental care will be provided from Blakenall village centre and the full transfer of the service will follow.

## School roots out new trees



Urban forester Theo Bailhache, neighbour Geoff Webb, headteacher Jane Arnstein, chairman of governors Roger Butt, teachers Sally-Ann Dickson and Sarah Peters with gardening club pupils from Woodland Primary School

A large old tree in the grounds of a Willenhall school which was blocking light to neighbouring properties has been cut down and replaced with six new trees.

Residents living next door to Woodland Primary School, Short Heath, had requested the old sycamore tree be

removed to stop it casting a big shadow over their homes.

Neighbour Geoff Webb offered to pay but the Urban Forestry Commission carried out the work for free. The tree was planted last week. Parts of the old tree are now being used as climbing frames.

## Close match at annual quiz night

Eggheads from two Walsall schools battled it out in an annual contest organised by Aldridge and District Lions.

With two teams forced to drop out at the last minute, this year's annual Inter-Schools quiz was a closely-fought contest between Shire Oak School and Aldridge Science College. Money raised from the event will go to Cancer Research and Help for Heroes.

Shire Oak School, which hosted the event, was the winner with just one point separating the two sides at the end. Aldridge Lions club president Clyde Redfern said: "The event was a great success despite only two teams competing in the end.

"This is possibly the hardest fought competition we have experienced during our years of running the competition."

The Aldridge Lions have a close relationship with the schools in the area. Bob Metcalfe, Aldridge Lions youth officer, said: "It was a lovely evening and the youngsters enjoyed the competition. It is always a great pleasure to see the enthusiasm of the pupils and appreciate the friendly rivalry."

All entrants received a certificate, with the winning team receiving individual trophies plus the Lions Shield which is retained by the school for the next year.

## Plans to turn betting shop into new town centre bar

Plans to change a town centre betting shop into a new bar have been lodged with Walsall Council.

The owners of the Modus Vivendi cocktail and champagne bar want to convert the Goldliner bookmakers in Bridge Street into a bar, which would be called Makoto but it is not yet known how many new jobs would be created. The applicant wants to transfer its current alcohol licence for Modus Vivendi, also in Bridge Street, to the new premises. A decision on the plan is due to be made by May 4.

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## Worker stole 'for revenge'

A worker stole a £5,000 compressor from his Walsall employer in a "fit of pique" over wages, a court heard.

Darren Cook kept the 200kg piece of equipment after being sacked from RW Services, Aldridge Road, Streetly, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

The 28-year-old had kept it in his vehicle while on holiday from his job and never returned it, said prosecutor Mrs Kanwal Juss.

Cook, from Holmwood Avenue, Kidderminster, was sacked for poor attendance on August 31 but the compressor was missing when the firm's van was recovered the following day, the court was told.

It was finally recovered from the home of his brother on October 7 and returned undamaged to his former employer after Cook told police where it was.

Mr Chris O'Gorman, defending, said: "He took it in a fit of pique because he felt that he was owed more money than he was ultimately paid. There is no evidence that he made any plans to try to sell it or make any money from it."

Cook admitted theft and was given a four month jail sentence suspended for 12 months with 100 hours unpaid work. He was also ordered to pay £500 costs.

Recorder Jason Macadam told him: "This was a breach of trust. You have been an idiot and this sentence is to remind you not to be one again."

## Firm closing town office

National accountancy firm Crowe Clark Whitehill is to relocate its Midlands headquarters to Oldbury, bringing 90 jobs to the town while closing its Walsall office.

The firm has announced plans to close its existing operations in Walsall and Kidderminster to move into Black Country House, Rounds Green Road.

Johnathan Dudley, managing partner, said: "Our Midlands offices in Kidderminster and Walsall have served us well, but for some time, we have wanted to bring the two together."

"Uniting in one location will help bring to fruition our plans to further develop our services. We relish the challenge of helping our clients play a lead role in the regeneration and future prosperity of not just the Black Country but the Midlands as a whole."

## £1m bungalows scheme to start

A £1 million scheme to build nine bungalows at the site of a former vandal-hit church in Brownhills is due to get under way.

Accord Housing Group has secured a £500,000 Government grant towards the scheme in Severn Road. Workers will move onto the site of the former Brownhills West Methodist Chapel, which has been derelict for several years in the next week. The two-bedroom properties will be built by the Midlands-based company BT Felton & Sons.

## Muggers are hunted

Police are hunting two muggers who attacked two people in Walsall town centre. A 16-year-old girl using a cashpoint at the Tesco in Littleton Street was shoved out of the way by a woman who then snatched £100 from the machine and ran off.

The woman was white, in her 30s, 5ft 3ins and of large build wearing black tracksuit bottoms, a black hood and an orange scarf. Another

victim, a 24-year-old man, was pushed to the ground from behind before having his neckchain worth £400 stolen at about 5.45pm on March 20 in Bridge Street.

The thief was a black man, aged about 25, of medium, muscular build and wearing a black cap and jacket with jeans. The offences are not being linked witnesses can call police on 0345 113 5000.

# Town leisure centre going to be bulldozed

Willenhall Leisure Centre will be demolished and the land sold off. The Bath Street centre controversially shut last August. News the building will be demolished has dashed any hopes it could be taken over and reopen as a swimming pool.

Expressions of interest were sought on the site following its closure, with three organisations coming forward to register an interest including the Amateur Swimming Association.

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## Teacher in sack claim

A Walsall teacher has made compensation claims for unfair dismissal and disability discrimination against Stourbridge College after alleging he was demoralised and unsupported by the management.

Kenneth Slater, of Acacia Avenue, Walsall, who specialised in computer science, made his compensation claims at Birmingham Employment Tribunal.

Mr Slater who is a diabetic, alleged the college failed to make adjustments for his diabetes, stress, panic attacks and headaches.

He alleged the management demoralised him, failed to provide support and caused him embarrassment in front of his pupils.

"There had been complaints from parents, not about the standard of teaching, but about assessments," he said. "But what they complained about was not in my unit."

He said he was caused embarrassment with his pupils when a management member addressed the class in his absence.

"My face did not fit - they wanted to get rid of me," he said.

Kevin McNeerney, representing the college, opposed the claims and said Mr Slater had been made redundant. Tribunal judge Mr Christopher Gaskell said that a tribunal decision would be made at a later date.

## Boost for pavilion

A park in Walsall is a step closer to getting a new-look pavilion after securing a grant of more than £30,000. It's hoped Blackwood Park, Streetly, will be able to apply for Green Flag status soon. The pavilion interior will be given a makeover thanks to the £31,600 payout from the Cory Environmental Trust. Streetly area manager John Morris has pledged a further 10 per cent on top.

## Homes plan for land

Large patches of vacant land may be transformed with more than 850 homes or a supermarket.

Plans have been unveiled to develop 23 hectares in Walsall's Blakenall ward.

Walsall Housing Group and Walsall Council want to see what interest there is in redevelopment options for land in and around Goscoe. One may see more than 850

homes built, while the second may see homes along with retail, including a supermarket.

Land includes Shakespeare Crescent, the former Goscoe estate, Barracks Lane and Well Place. Interest from developers will help decide the option chosen.

Gary Fulford, Walsall Housing Group chief executive, said the land had been empty for years.

## Vandals strike at cemetery

A headstone has been damaged and another stolen at a cemetery in Walsall, it has been claimed.

Grieving relatives were left feeling angry and upset after making the discovery when they visited North Walsall cemetery recently.

The family, who do not wish to be named, also claimed flowers left at graves there had been stolen.

Walsall Council bosses said they were aware of three cases of vandalism or theft at the cemetery in Saddleworth Road, Bloxwich, over the last six months.

Leisure and environment chief Councillor Anthony Harris vowed to clamp down on the culprits.

He said: "I am truly saddened that the incidents have occurred in one of our cemeteries and if I ever find out who is responsible I will make sure they suffer the full extent of the law."

"Vandalism is relatively rare in our cemeteries and that's what makes this even more unacceptable."

"My sympathies are very much with the families concerned and I have asked the grounds staff and the patrol team to be extra vigilant at the cemetery."

Councillor Harris said anyone who sees anything suspicious at borough cemeteries should call the police on 0345 113 5000. Alternatively, they should call the council's bereavement services on 0845 111 2848.

## Attack man is sentenced

A man who butted his partner's ex-boyfriend has been given a suspended prison sentence.

Lee Jenkins, aged 20, of Robin Walk, Walsall, left Craig Pitt with a swollen and cut nose after the attack in Castle Road, Wolverhampton.

Mr Pitt had been on the way to visit his two-year-old daughter when he was approached by Jenkins. Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

Jenkins was serving a 12-month community order for common assault at the time.

Mr David Iles, prosecuting, said Jenkins threatened Mr Pitt before grabbing him.

Judge Michael Challinor said: "This was a pre-meditated attack and the victim suffered nasty injuries."

Jenkins, who pleaded guilty to actual bodily harm, was given a 12-month sentence suspended for 18 months and ordered to carry out 80 hours unpaid work.

## £200 penalty over bags of cannabis

A 20-year-old man from Walsall who was caught with eight bags of cannabis has been ordered to pay £200.

Marvin Artwell, of Glastonbury Crescent, Mossley, admitted possessing cannabis at Walsall Magistrates' Court last week.

The court heard a search of Artwell's address on March 11 found the drug. Artwell said was for personal use. He was ordered to pay a £100 fine, £85 costs and £15 surcharge.

## Cash boost has a ring about it



Wrestler Matt Powell and kickboxing instructor Daniel Felton try out the new professional wrestling ring that has been built at Darlston All Active.

Young wrestlers and kickboxers will be able to train in a professional ring thanks to a grant of almost £5,000.

The ring has been put in place at Darlston All Active Club.

Now, professional coaches are teaching youngsters the tricks of the trade.

Every Wednesday from 7pm, Daniel Felton is running kickboxing

classes from the age of seven. Meanwhile, Walsall-born pro-wrestler Matt Powell, known as Mad Dog Maxx, is sharing his skills with youngsters at the Willenhall Road venue.

The money to pay for the facility has been secured through Walsall Youth Services.

Wrestling classes take place every Tuesday at 5.30pm for children aged seven and over.

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# Gang attacks and robs boy

A gang of youths chased a 12-year-old boy across a Walsall park before stealing his hat, kicking him and pouring a bottle of pop over his head.

The attack happened as the boy left the skate park at Leamore Park, Blakenall Road, Leamore. It took place between 3pm and 3.20pm on March 22. The victim was approached by four white youths aged between

10 and 14 who were riding bikes.

Two of them took his baseball cap worth £30 off him, before they chased him across the park on to Asda's car park, where he was kicked and then had his bottle of pop poured over his head. DS Mick Hinton from Walsall CID said: "This was a cowardly attack by a group of four youths, who picked on a 12 year old lad who was alone."

One of the boys was aged around 12 with short mousey hair, wearing a brown top and riding a cream BMX bike.

Another was aged around 10, small build, with dark hair and freckles and wearing a dark hat and coat and riding a white BMX bike. The third was aged 13-14 years with short brown hair. Anyone with information can call police on 0345 113 5000.

# New superintendent

A superintendent has joined Walsall police as its new crime and operations manager.

Supt Jo Clews joins Walsall police from the force criminal investigation department where she was a detective chief inspector.

She said she was looking forward to working closely with communities in the borough.

"I am delighted to be part of an already successful policing area and

look forward to the challenges that lie ahead," she said.

"I am excited to be working in Walsall and I believe that with my experience and background I am confident I can really make a difference in all areas of concern."

Supt Clews started her career with West Midlands Police 17 years ago in Birmingham. She has worked in Dudley, Wolverhampton and Bloxwich.

# Models are jailed over drugs ring

Two glamour models were jailed this afternoon and a third handed a suspended sentence for their part in a drug dealing ring. They were among nine people sentenced at Stafford Crown Court.

A police operation found a cannabis farm at a house in Bloxwich. Jennifer Laird, 22, of Main Street, Stonnall, admitted conspiracy to supply drugs and was jailed for three years and four months.

Ashley Massey, 21, of Loughshaw, Wilnecote, Tamworth, was jailed for three years after admitting the same charges.

Hannah Zebedee, 21, also of Main Street, Stonnall, admitted conspiracy to supply cannabis and was given a 10 month sentence suspended for 18 months and ordered to do 150 hours of unpaid work.

Ronald Finnegan, aged 46, of Wyre Close, Walsall Wood, was jailed for four years and six months after admitting conspiracy to supply drugs.

Andrew Dutton, aged 39, of Mackay Road, Walsall, was jailed for 18 months for conspiracy to supply cannabis.

Neil Holland, 44, of Friezland Lane, Brownhills, admitted conspiracy to supply and was jailed for three and a half years. Mark Addis, aged 29, of Chestnut Drive, Walsall, was jailed for 18 months after admitting the same charge. Trevor Greatrex, 41, of Meadowbrook Road, Lichfield, denied conspiracy to supply cannabis but was convicted and jailed for 21 months. Ronald Brown, 29, of Merseyside, was jailed for two years. He admitted conspiracy.

Stafford Crown Court heard how Massey, had been seduced by an "in-crowd" into using cocaine.

Peter Woodall for Laird, said she had been using drugs since the age of 11.

Mark Harries for Massey said the only association his client had with any of the co-accused was with Laird.

"The 'in-crowd' seduced her beyond the use of cannabis to cocaine," he said.

# Saddlers open training for fans

Fans of Walsall FC can watch their heroes being put through their paces at an open training session this Easter holiday.

Dean Smith's entire first team will take part in the open training session on April 19 at Banks's Stadium.

Turnstiles will open at 10am and there will be an interview with the gaffer Dean Smith at 10.30am before the hour-long session kicks off at 10.45am.

People can also win the chance to take part in a penalty shoot out with a first team goalkeeper.

To be in with a chance of winning, fans need to name Walsall's legendary goalkeeper who returned to the Banks's for a second spell this season.

Answers should be sent along with names, addresses and contact numbers to laura.yates@walsallfc.co.uk. Fans can also pose for pictures and have autographs signed.

# MP concerned over the bad news of job losses

Walsall North MP David Winnick has expressed his concern at the latest jobless figures, which hit a 17-year high.

He said: "The latest unemployment figures for my constituency are very bad news. It means it has the 27th highest unemployment in the UK. The actual figure is 4.439."

"I had much hoped that what occurred in the 1980s with two major recessions, and the impact this had locally would not occur again."

"The present government is pursuing, in my view, policies that make large-scale redundancies inevitable. The worst is yet to come, I am afraid. Taken as a whole, the borough and neighbouring Black Country areas are in the front line for job losses in both the private and public sectors."

# Voting result change

The count for this year's local elections in Walsall will not take place overnight after the polls close but will be done the following morning.

Results of local elections, taking place on May 5, will be expected around lunchtime.

On that day, voters will also be asked to decide on whether to bring in an alternative vote system in which they rank candidates in order of preference, rather than the current "first past the post" system.

The count for this will take place on Friday afternoon with results expected around 6pm.

If electors have not received poll cards by April 7 they can check with the electoral registration office by calling 01922 652030.

Peter Allsop, Walsall Council's electoral services manager, said: "People who are citizens of the European Union countries who are on the electoral register cannot vote in the national referendum but can vote in the council elections."

"Citizens of the Irish Republic, Malta and Cyprus can, however, vote in both elections."

People have until April 14 to register to vote.

The deadline for a proxy vote is 5pm on April 21.

# Reunion for past pupils

Past pupils of a doomed Walsall school are being invited to a reunion later this year.

Sneyd Community School, Bloxwich is closing at the end of this school year amid falling pupil numbers and poor results.

But past pupils from the Vernon Way school are holding the reunion at the school on July 2 from 6pm.

Tickets cost £10 and will be on sale from Sneyd School on March 28 from 9am to 5.30pm.

# A lifetime award for twinkle toed Eric, 77

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He has been teaching dance for more than 50 years, with thousands of pupils passing through the doors of his Walsall Wood studio.

But 77-year-old dance teacher Eric Rowland found himself in the spotlight when he waltzed off with a lifetime achievement award at the Oscars of the dance world.

Mr Rowland, who runs the Eric Rowland and Mandy Heath School of Dance with his wife, won the Carl Alan Lifetime Achievement in Dancing gong at a glittering bash held in London.

He collected his gong from the one-time face of Come Dancing, Angela Rippon. Mr Rowland said: "I have been overwhelmed by the amount of congratulations I have received from other members of the profession."

"It was a great moment for me when Angela Rippon announced me as the eventual winner of the lifetime achievement in the ballroom, Latin American and sequence branches."

The father-of-two, who has been based in Salters Road, Walsall Wood, since around 1983, started dancing at the age of 14 in Bournemouth where he lived at the time.

## Fostering

Leaving school, he became a clerk and later a manager for Dolcis shoe company in Erdington while all the time fostering his passion for dance.

But in the mid 1950s, Mr Rowland bit the bullet and decided to turn professional, performing in shows and competitions across the country.

The highlight of his career was winning the Midland 15 Counties Professional Ballroom Championship three times in the mid 1970s.

Much of this success came with his first wife and dance partner Shirley Sayers, who now runs a dance school in Tamworth with the couple's daughter Louise Rowland.

Mr Rowland says he has no intention of hanging up his dancing shoes and continues to teach hundreds of budding dancers young and old at the school he runs with wife of 15-years Mandy, aged 43.

He teaches everything from ballroom to freestyle and is president of the Guild of Professional Teachers of Dance and Kindred Arts and is a lifetime honorary executive of the United Kingdom of Professional Teachers of Dance where he is the longest active serving member of the examining panel.

He said: "I really do want to keep going and I love it all so much that I couldn't envisage giving it up."



Eric took charge of a competition at the Drayton Manor Park ballroom in around 1975



Eric gets his award from Angela Rippon



Eric with wife and dance partner Mandy

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## Hospice campaigners praised

Campaigners who fought for a new hospice in Walsall have been praised by a local MP for their determination ahead of its opening next month.

Walsall North MP David Winnick has praised the determination of campaigners, who have fought for more than 20 years for the facility.

Patients will move into the new 12-bed unit, in Goscote Lane, Goscote, from next month. Mr Winnick said: "I am, of course, very pleased the Walsall

Hospice will be open next month. Last September, the health authority showed me around the complex and the amount of work that had already been completed.

"The campaign to have a hospice in the borough has been long standing over the years and, at times, it didn't seem to get anywhere.

"However, the campaigners refused to give up and, after different sites had been considered, it was finally decided

it would be located on part of where Goscote hospital stood. He added: "All in all, the fact that the hospice, with twelve in-patient beds and the Palliative Care Centre, will be open in the next few weeks is to be most welcomed, and I pay tribute again to all those who were so determined that this should come about."

The hospice will be run by Lichfield-based St Giles Hospice and will be known as St Giles Walsall Hospice.

## Move to keep car cleaning

A car cleaning firm is seeking permission to continue running a vehicle hand wash service for the next 12 months.

An application has been lodged with Walsall Council by Bourne Vale Motors to continue using part of the site as a hand car wash in Lichfield Road, Shelfield, for another year but planning permission is needed.

A statement from the applicants for the business reads: "On similar second-hand car sales sites a car wash facility is often included as a secondary service to the major sales use."

"In today's financial climate the secondary service of a car wash facility on the site can become a lifeline if extended to include public use," the statement adds.

The matter is expected to be considered by Walsall Council planners sometime in the coming months.

It will go before the planning committee or be discussed under delegated powers.

## For pupils this time it is rocket science

Children at a Walsall school got stoked up about science as they took part in rocket experiments.

Every class at Alumwell Junior School was involved in a challenge to see whose rocket in each group could be propelled the furthest as part of the Primley Avenue school's Science Week.

Acting headteacher Angela Hill said every class at the 360-strong school got excited about the competitions.

Each class put forward an experiment to show off to other pupils, and parents will come in to see what they have been up to.

Mrs Hill said: "They really enjoyed the rockets. They got to try lots of different experiments and they do questions as they are going through it."

"They will get to see other children's work and see what they have achieved at the fair, so it's motivating for them."

## No to plans

Plans for 11 properties in Stafford Street, Bloxwich have been rejected by Walsall Council. A previous scheme for 14 homes was also turned down.



Alumwell Junior School pupils Jordan Brittle, aged 10, and Hadiqa Ishfaq, 11.

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# Council looks to ads for website revenue

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Walsall Council is going to introduce advertising on its website to make up to £1 million a year. The authority, looking to save £65m over three years, said it wanted to capitalise on the 500,000 hits it gets a month.

Council leader Mike Bird said allowing firms to pay for advertising on the website would boost council coffers and the local economy.

No other councils in the Black Country or Staffordshire are following suit but Dudley and Wolverhampton said it was something they may consider.

Sandwell and Lichfield have both ruled out the idea and Stafford is removing advertising due to the poor economic climate.

Walsall said the advertising was to be launched on its website imminently. Councillor Bird said the plan was to charge businesses £10 a week.

"We have 500,000 hits on our website a month and we need to make the most of that captive audience," Councillor Bird said. "I think it could make between £500,000 and £1m a year."

## Endorse

"The idea is we could advertise businesses that tie in with council services, such as tree surgeons or skip hire companies. We would not endorse the companies that advertise with us."

"We will build up a database of firms, it will help local businesses. For around £10 a week, they could be opened up to half a million potential customers."

Walsall Council is looking to save £65m and is being forced to lose 438 jobs.

Dudley and Wolverhampton councils said today they may consider the idea.

Dudley's deputy leader, Councillor Les Jones, said: "We're aware that some other authorities are offering advertising space on their websites and whilst we are not currently doing this in Dudley, it is something we are considering for the future."

Tom Rennie, Wolverhampton City Council's interim strategic director for delivery, said: "The council's corporate website attracted 1.4 visitors last year viewing nine million pages of content. Clearly there is the potential there for advertisers to reach a large number of people. In the current economic climate it would be remiss for any public body not to explore all avenues to generate additional revenue."

## Plea to claim stolen goods

This is the haul of electrical goods worth thousands found during a police swoop on a home in Walsall.

Televisions and DVD players were among the suspected stolen goods found at a house in Paddington Walk, Bentley.

Officers swooped on the address following reports of suspicious behaviour.

Police are now urging people who have had electrical items stolen in the past few months to come forward to see if any of the goods belong to them.

The raid took place early on March 10 and the items are in police storage.

Three men, all aged 23, and an 18-year-old woman were arrested and are currently on police bail pending further inquiries.

De Joanne Myatt-Jones, of Walsall CID, said: "We are appealing for anyone who has had electric items stolen in the last few months to come forward."

"We are trying to place the items with their rightful owners which will help us with our investigations."

Included in the seized items is a Toshiba 42in TV, a Hitachi 15in and 26in TV, a Philips DVD player, a Grundig FreeSat Receiver, a Grundig Sky Digibox, a Samsung 26in TV, a Pacific DVD player, a Technika TV/DVD combi and a Philips 32in TV.

Anyone who thinks the items may belong to them should call De Joanne Myatt-Jones with the serial numbers of



De Joanne Myatt-Jones with the goods recovered during a police raid which was carried out in Bentley

the stolen property on 0345 113 5000 or they can ring police dealing with it directly via 01922 433255.

In January of this year police launched a similar appeal after a large haul of suspected stolen goods was discovered at an address in Whateley Road, Coalpool, Walsall.

Five wide-screen televisions, clothing and toys were among the items recovered in the raid by police officers who were following up on information they had received.

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# Golden opportunity to save spire on condemned church

Dear Sir,  
Further to your report on the Council's deadline for the owner of Mellish Road Methodist Church to demolish it, I have two things to say:

First, is that this "hard line" is too little, too late, as the Council, with the appropriate toughness at the right time, should never have let the owner get away with allowing the building to crumble to the extent it was possible to apply for, and get, the lifting of the Grade II listing.

For any developer, getting a listing removed is job done, as it allows him the freedom to pull the lot down and build exactly what he wants.

Second, and more positively, although it may be five minutes to midnight, nothing has happened as yet, and with this in mind, I have contacted the owner, and

offered to buy the relatively small patch of land on which the church spire sits with a view to stabilising, renovating and conserving this important heritage landmark at an important gateway to Walsall.

If you look at the spire, it occupies a quite small patch on the edge of the total area on the roundabout frontage, so that taking this out of the development equation would still leave the vast majority of the site in Butts Road available for redevelopment.

Obviously the offer is subject to all sorts of caveats, principally ground condition and structural surveys, and independent valuation, but subject to satisfactory outcomes, and above all, given the will to get a result from the owner's side, it can be done and it can be financed.

The first step is for the owners to respond to my detailed letter and agree to talk. The sale would not only generate a capital receipt which would help to finance the demolition of the remainder of the site, it would bring the owners a lot of public credit.

There has been widespread public concern at the way this situation has been allowed to develop, and we are now on the brink of seeing the spire pulled down - gone for ever.

I say to all of the owners: this is a golden opportunity for you to do something positive, something for which people across Walsall, and large numbers of the community living around your development site will be eternally grateful.

**Richard Worrall,  
Former Mayor of Walsall**

# Consider the communities when it comes to implementing the cutbacks

Dear Sir,  
As spending cuts start to bite across the country, the Countryside Alliance has written to the leaders of all local authorities in England, Scotland and Wales.

Local authorities are setting their budgets for the next year and we have urged them to ensure the unique needs of rural areas will not fall victim when

the difficult financial decisions are taken.

Our message to local authorities is clear: engage with local people and respond to what they need. Any significant changes or cuts should be subject to genuine consultation.

The Countryside Alliance would like to see a more intelligent approach to service provi-

sion. This could include sharing resources with neighbouring authorities and making it possible to access local government services throughout the Post Office network.

Vibrant rural communities with a strong support network are too precious to lose

**Alice Barnard, Chief Exec  
Countryside Alliance**

# No right turn was wrong...

Dear Sir,  
In response to Highways Dept over no right turn on to Bell Lane, Bloxwich

We have been arguing for six years that it was the wrong course of action

It would have created a rat run through Turnberry est on to Mossley est then on to Sneyd Lane also motorists would have had to turn right on to Wolverhampton Road past Sandbank flats and then back on to Bell Lane.

Local people have rightly voiced their concerns. We live in the area we are affected by such proposals.

In future can we please listen to local people sooner and not to people just passing through.

**Councillor F Westley,  
Bloxwich**

# Why is Britain meddling in foreign affairs with all our home problems?

Dear Sir,  
I honestly believed, now proved to be naïvely, that David Cameron would be altogether different from Brown and Blair, sadly not.

Cameron's obsession to be PM will lead to his downfall as well his determination to embark on a suicide mission, supposedly to bring democracy to Libya.

Why can't he concentrate on solving this country's problems and abandon the same foreign

policies of Blair and Brown who announced to the world that they would be its saviour?

Why does he completely ignore the tragic folly of Iraq and Afghanistan with all its illegality?

Why on earth can't he refrain from meddling in other countries internal affairs as we are no longer a world power but an impoverished nation that if he listens to the UN we will be invaded by hundreds of thou-

sands of refugees from N Africa. The N African nations in turmoil are Islamic and will not tolerate our welcome western Christian interference.

Just like Blair and Brown he chooses to ignore the plight of blacks and whites suffering under Mugabe in Zimbabwe. He does not object to our money going to Mugabe via the hated and corrupt EU.

**R Saunders,  
Walsall.**

# Get new toilets before closing the old ones

Dear Sir,  
It could only be Walsall Council who would close the last toilets in the Arboretum before building the new ones.

They said they would build a pedestrian crossing point on the Broadway to the main entrance for the Arboretum Extension, it was on the plans posted online but it was never built and now they have a new plan to alter the Sutton Road island and speed up the Broadway traffic.

It's about time the council realised they have a duty of care to residents and visitors.

**Mr D. Wilkinson.  
Walsall**

# Spend the money on more officers

Dear Sir,  
High Speed Rail or Police Officers?

Why is the Government proposing to spend a vast amount of money on a high-speed rail line, when their policies are causing the reduction of the police force, hospital staff, council workers, army and air force?

The list goes on and one. The answer is because it is all inspired by the EU.

**Mr A Lenton,  
Aldridge.**

# Use homes for the elderly

Dear Sir,  
Should Ad Hoc Properties be using these properties for professional people like police and hospital workers? These people should not be privileged people, they earn enough money to pay for

their own homes. Also, they should not be used for homeless people like they are being used for. They should be used for what they were intended for - elderly people.

**Brian Parker, Pelsall.**

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# Ambulance services delays lose 5,000 hours

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Ambulance crews in the West Midlands lost more than 5,000 hours in a year waiting outside hospitals to hand over responsibility for patients.

Paramedics aim to transfer patients to hospital care in a maximum of 30 minutes, but newly-disclosed figures show crews are being delayed from responding to further 999 calls by waiting, often for more than an hour for medics to take over.

More than 9,700 hours were lost over two years at the region's hospitals, costing the service about £600,000.

About 1,688 hours were lost at New Cross Hospital in 2010, the highest total in the Black Country and Staffordshire, up from 1,218 hours lost in 2009.

Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley saw more than 3,000 lost hours in 2009 and 2010 while 1,624 hours and 1,073 hours were lost in Sandwell and Walsall respectively.

At Stafford Hospital, 400 hours were lost in 2010 - more than double the 194 hours clocked in 2009.

The ambulance service has attempted to tackle delays by appointing liaison officers to tackle problems as they arise.

## Computer

It has also launched a computer system showing how many ambulances are heading for hospitals and how serious each case is - allowing the hospital to plan ahead.

Spokesman Chris Kowalik said: "We work very closely with each of the hospitals to manage the flow of patients from the arriving ambulances into the hospital so that any delays are kept to the absolute minimum."

"Regular meetings are held to try to improve the systems in each hospital and we have seen a number of improvements."

New Cross Hospital said it has asked the ambulance service to divert more low risk patients to walk-in centres instead of A&E.

Tim Powell, from the Royal Wolverhampton Trust, said: "Patient safety is our number one priority, and if seven ambulances turn up at the same time, we must provide immediate care to those who need it most, but unfortunately, this can cause delays for the less urgent cases."

Sally Lavender, of the Dudley Group of Hospitals, said: "We prioritise all patients who need urgent, medical attention."

Maggie Oldham, from Mid-Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust, added: "We currently have some of the best handover times in the region."

## Pupils with bags of enthusiasm



Willenhall Sports College pupils try the Love Your Landscape litter picking.

Picking up litter is usually a thankless task, but pupils at a Willenhall senior school showed plenty of community spirit by tidying a nearby estate.

The group of 35 from Willenhall Sports College filled 21 bin bags within a 90 minutes as part of the Love Your Landscape litter picking competition.

It was organised by Street Pride, which is part of Walsall Council's cleansing department. The pupils collected in and around the Furzebank Way, Short Heath. They also covered areas at Brackendale Shopping Centre, Stroud Avenue. It was one of two schools to participate in the initiative organised by youth volunteer organisation Flex with the council.

The college's community manager Anthony Derrer said the pupils who took part were drawn from Year 7 and the sixth form classes.

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# School expansion nearly complete

Work is forging ahead on the £4 million expansion of a Walsall school where more space is needed.

The extension of Birchills C E Primary Community School is nearing completion.

Staff are due to move into the building in June. To mark the latest milestone in the expansion, pupils buried a time capsule on the construction site of their new building.

The capsule contains objects which represent school life in 2011. Expansion of the Farrington Street school is progressing well, council chiefs have said.

The scheme includes the alteration and refurbishment of infant classrooms including ancillary support areas and the construction of a two storey block to accommodate junior pupils.

Art, food and ICT suites will be included in the building and facilities will be available for the wider community, including a community room.

Staff and pupils were moved into temporary accommodation within the school grounds at the beginning of last year with demolition and construction work starting soon after. The school is expected to be

handed over to staff in the summer term and pupils will start working in their schools from mid-June onwards.

Headteacher Anthony Orlik said: "I am delighted the whole community will very soon be benefitting from an amazing school building which will help us continue to provide the highest quality of education for all our pupils."

Pupils have also praised the scheme. Nine-year-old Moham-med Aadi said: "It looks fantastic so far and it's looking better than the old school. The design is brilliant."

## Tonnes of rubbish in canal

Tyres, a metal bath and hundreds of metres of stripped-out cable have been removed from the bed of Walsall Canal during dredging work.

The £40,000 scheme is now complete, British Waterways bosses have announced.

A total of 690 tonnes of debris have been removed from the canal bed during the work.

Suzannah Atkey, spokeswoman for British Waterways, said: "British Waterways have managed to clear bridge holes and shallow spots from the top of Ryders Green locks to Spinks's Bridge, which lies next to the M6."

"In total, we have removed approximately 690 tonnes of debris from the canal including a metal bath, several dozen tyres, shopping trolleys, and many tonnes of rubble."

Enthusiasts hope the scheme will help bring the town's waterways back to life and encourage more barges to pass through the area and will deter flytippers.

## Local author Katie drops into library

Best selling author Katie Fforde met fans after visiting Walsall to talk about her career and new romance novel.

The 52-year-old made a visit to Aldridge Library where she discussed her Summer of Love book and other writing experiences.

Around 60 people gathered to talk with the Gloucestershire-based writer who spent almost two hours at the library recently.

Area librarian Naomi Jones hailed the event a success.

She said: "It was brilliant and everyone enjoyed it. People were asking about her writing and what inspires her. She was very down to earth."

## Pair of plays from youths

Aldridge Youth Theatre are rehearsing the farce Black Comedy and gothic tale The Fall of the House of Usher.

They will be performed at Noddy Park Road, Aldridge, on April 7 to 9 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 or £6. Call 01922 458615 Monday and Thursday, 7-9pm and Saturday, 10.30am to midday.



Author Katie Fforde with Naomi Jones visits Aldridge Library to meet fans

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# Crumbling buildings to get a helping hand

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Crumbling historic buildings in Willenhall could be repaired and restored to use under a multi-million pound scheme to regenerate the town.

Owners of properties in certain streets will be able to apply for help to cover up to 70 per cent of external repairs to shops and buildings of historical interest. It is hoped empty shops will be brought back to life.

Key buildings have fallen into disrepair in Willenhall in recent years, including Walsall's oldest pub, the grade II listed Bell Inn, in Market Place.

The Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) is a grant programme that is being funded by £950,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund and match funding by the Visionary Investment Enhancing Walsall board, made up of five independent members, plus the council and Walsall Housing Group.

It will launch in April and run for three years.

## Opportunity

Walsall's regeneration chief Adrian Andrew said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for Willenhall as we work towards the wider regeneration of this important district centre."

"Run down, neglected buildings are an eyesore."

"Any initiative which tackles this, while protecting the character of our district centres, is very welcome," he said.

"The improvements will not just be cosmetic, they will also help revive parts of the town and boost its economy."

"Residents, traders and businesses will reap the benefits of this exciting scheme."

The head of the Heritage Lottery Fund in the West Midlands today said the scheme would bring far-reaching benefits.

Anne Jenkins said: "This special historic town can now look forward to the far-reaching benefits of the investment this scheme will bring."

"It will help the council to make essential improvements that will encourage local business and visitors back into this area."

Officers will contact property owners within the THI area when the scheme is launched in mid-April.

## Company going hell for leather

A luxury leather firm in Walsall is to almost double its workforce after moving into a bigger base. While some parts of the leather industry may be struggling, Marlborough World says business is booming.

The company says its sales are on track to increase by up to 20 per cent next year.

The firm, which makes luxury leather and stainless steel gifts, has just moved from a base in Bilston to a three-times-bigger manufacturing hub in Fairground Way, Walsall, boosting its workforce by 11.

Twelve people work at Marlborough and applications are now being sought for the extra staff over the next 12 to 18 months.

## Youngsters

Owner Richard Taylor said once these positions are filled he will look at offering training schemes for youngsters keen to learn the trade.

"We were based at Oxford Street in Bilston but have just completed the move into a bigger unit in Walsall," said the 36-year-old from Kingswinford.

"We wanted to come to Walsall because it really is the centre of the leather industry. Sometimes it can be difficult to get staff with the right expertise and skills but there are a lot of skilled workers in Walsall."

Founded in 1972, the company is now exporting goods around the world and has customers in America, Japan and Europe.

The move also means the firm has been



Marlborough World director Richard Taylor and staff.

able to expand its range, adding briefcases, luggage and games sets to its selection of jewellery boxes, shooting accessories and best-selling hip flasks.

Mr Taylor added: "The leather trade has been on a bit of a downward spiral over recent years and there hasn't been any new life pumped into it for the last 20-odd years or so."

"But in the future we want to look at working closely with the college and the council so we can train new people and safeguard this industry."

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## £10m arts centre is forging ahead



John Pym, dean of the school of sport, performing arts and leisure.

It will be used by thousands of students from across the region and may help launch careers of the next generation of stars of stage and screen.

Work is forging ahead on a new £10 million performing arts centre at Wolverhampton University's Walsall campus. Bosses say The Performance Hub, off Gorway Road, is progressing well – and has already sparked a rise in applications to study there.

Paul Davis, senior capital projects manager at contractor VINCI, said: "The copper cladding, glazing and roofing works are nearing completion ensuring.

The distinctive four-storey building will include dance studios, music rooms, theatres, offices and a library.

It will bring together actors, choreographers, designers, writers, researchers, dancers and musicians from across the region.

University bosses are already confident. The Performance Hub will be a welcome addition to the Walsall skyline.

John Pym, dean of the school of sport, performing arts and leisure, said: "The building looks stunning and I'm sure we're the envy of every university in the country in having a building like this."

## Schools out for longer with crop of holidays

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### SCHOOL TIMETABLE MONDAY TO FRIDAY

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APRIL 18	APRIL 19	APRIL 20	APRIL 21	APRIL 22
←	School Hols			→
APRIL 25	APRIL 26	APRIL 27	APRIL 28	APRIL 29
OFF! Easter Monday	School Hols (W'ton)	IN	IN	OFF! Royal Wedding
MAY 2	MAY 3	MAY 4	MAY 5	MAY 6
OFF! May Day	IN	IN	OFF? Local Elections	OFF? Training Day

A diary of school holidays and days off in April and May

"I already have to work nights and my husband works days to look after the children," said taxi firm worker Mrs Bona. "I simply can't afford childcare."

Wolverhampton City Council spokesman Paul Brown said: "For 2010/11 and 2011/12 the standard school year has been reduced by one day for the additional bank holidays for the Royal Wedding and the Queen's Jubilee respectively."

### Parents

Lobby group Mothers Who Work, which provides information and advice to working mums, said that the days off will put parents through unnecessary stress.

There are also fears it could affect pupils' learning in the run up to exams.

Joycelyn Akuffo, of Mothers Who Work, said: "The school calendar is hard enough for working parents without having these extra holiday headaches."

"It's a difficult position for parents to be in. It's three days here, two days there and then three days here again. Parents can't take that much time off work." She also said childcare could be "very costly".

One parent who isn't looking forward to next month is mother-of-four Denise Bona, aged 45, of Julian Road, Deansfield, Wolverhampton. Mrs Bona's younger children Amy, eight and Nathan, seven, go to East Park Primary, but older son James, 12, attends Deansfield Community School.

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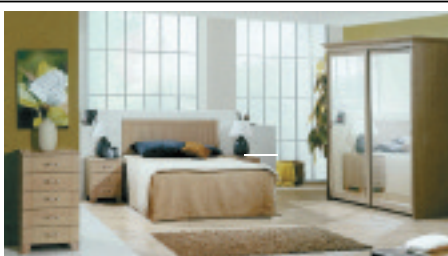
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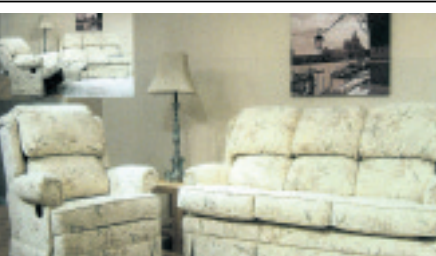
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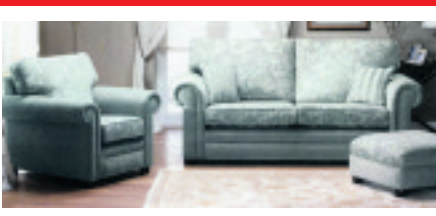
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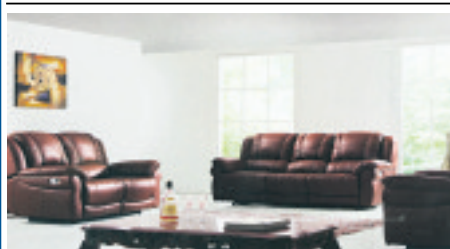
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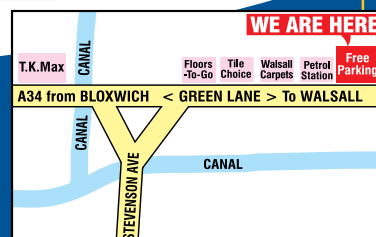
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# Harry had it cracked

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Some Walsall people have changed world history. One such person was Francis "Harry" Hinsley, born November 26 1918, an ordinary, working class lad whose remarkable work was to help speed the winning of the Second World War.

Harry's father, Thomas Henry Hinsley, was a waggoner, employed by the coal department at the Walsall Co-op. His mother Emma Hinsley (nee Adey) was a school caretaker, and they lived at 28, Rowland Street, Walsall.

Young Harry was educated at Wolverhampton Road Board School and later at Queen Mary's Grammar School. A bright, quiet and studious boy according to friends, his academic bent and hard work resulted in his winning a scholarship in 1937 to study history at St John's College, Cambridge.

Two years later, he was awarded a First in Part I of the Historical Tripos. Then, with Part II coming up and another First within his grasp, his life changed forever – and his historical studies were temporarily set aside.

One day, in the winter of 1939-40, Harry Hinsley was asked to see Martin Charlesworth, the Fellow of St John's who, working with F E Adcock at King's College, was running Cambridge recruiting for the Government Code and Cipher School.

## Summoned

Harry was subsequently summoned to an interview with Alastair Denniston, head of the GC&CS, and despite his slight, bespectacled aspect must have made a considerable impression. Denniston immediately saw his potential and recruited him to serve in Bletchley Park's Naval Section in Hut 4.

There, Hinsley studied the external characteristics of intercepted German messages, a process known as "traffic analysis". From call signs, frequencies, times of interception etc, he deduced detailed information about the structure of the German Navy's communications networks, and their navy itself.

His powers as an interpreter of decrypts were also unrivalled and were based on an ability to sense something unusual from the tiniest clues.

Harry was frequently in contact with Naval Intelligence. But at first, the Admiralty's Operation Intelligence Centre paid little attention to the Bletchley codebreakers – a serious mistake. At the beginning of April 1940, the OIC ignored Hinsley's radio traffic report of an unusual build-up of German naval activity in the



Baltic, and as a result Britain was caught unawares by the German occupation of Norway. Two months later he reported German warships were about to break out of the Baltic.

Again he was ignored, leading to the sinking of our aircraft carrier HMS Glorious. His warnings were covered up, but after this, more attention was paid to Bletchley Park, despite continuing suspicions of professional jealousy and obstruction from some naval intelligence officers.

Radio traffic from the Baltic in May 1940 indicated the mighty German battleship Bismarck was about to leave, and Bletchley Park's insistence the Bismarck was heading for a safe French port was once again ignored. Hinsley would not let the matter lie, and repeatedly telephoned the OIC after Bismarck's engagement with HMS Hood and HMS Prince of Wales, but it was not until 25 May that this conclusion was accepted.

## Relative

Just minutes after his last call, Hut 6 deciphered a message from the Luftwaffe Chief of Staff who was concerned for a relative on the Bismarck. The response to this revealed the ship was heading for Brest, and with this information the Royal Navy closed in and sank the Bismarck on 26 May.

Many German military radio transmissions were encoded using the famous "Enigma" machines, combining a keyboard system and "key" wheels with codebooks, making it extremely difficult to break. But it was Harry Hinsley who, at the end of April 1941, identified the Enigma system's fatal flaw.

The same codebooks used on German U-Boats were also aboard their unprotected trawlers. These trawlers, transmitting weather reports to the Germans, also received naval Enigma messages. Hinsley helped initiate a pro-



Above left: Francis "Harry" Hinsley in the 1940s.

Above: The German battleship Bismarck from 1940.

Below: Naval Enigma code machine in use aboard a German U-Boat, WWII.



gramme of seizing Enigma machines and keys from German weather ships, aiding Bletchley Park's breaking of German Naval Enigma.

Towards the end of the war, Hinsley, then a key aide to Bletchley Park chief Edward Travis, was part of a committee arguing for a single post-war intelligence agency combining both signals and human intelligence. Eventually, though, the opposite happened, with GC&CS becoming GCHQ, still in operation today.

In 1946 Harry married Hilary Brett-Smith, whom he had met at Bletchley Park and in whose company he returned to St John's where he had been elected a Fellow two years before. That same year he was awarded the OBE.

## Pronunciation

Dapper and small of stature, Harry Hinsley often had his leg pulled for the distinctiveness of his pronunciation (a Walsall accent) but proved an exceptional teacher, and in 1969 was appointed professor of the history of international relations. Hinsley edited the official history of British Intelligence in WWII, and argued that Enigma decryption had speeded Allied victory by one to four years.

President of St John's College 1975-79, and from 1981 Master, from that year to 1983 he became Vice-Chancellor of the University. He was knighted in 1985.

Sir Francis Harry Hinsley OBE died at Cambridge on February 16 1998.

His was one of the most remarkable minds to come out of Walsall – and change the world.

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# Team banned after six-a-side punch up

## Family high point of 60 years

A couple who celebrated 60 years of marriage last week have been given a week-long holiday to Mallorca from their family.

Alan and Muriel Brazier, aged 80 and 81, from Little Bloxwich, will be heading to the Spanish island soon as a special gift from their nearest and dearest.

Muriel said: "Having a family has been the highlight of our marriage, we have a lovely family."

The couple who have three sons, Stephen, 58, Terence, 54, and Dennis, 52, five grand children and two great grand children said the secret to a marriage with longevity was "not to let arguments linger".

The couple met at a friend's Christmas Eve party in 1950 and married 15 months later on March 24, 1951 at Blakenhall Heath Church. They had four sons, but fourth son Robert tragically died of a heart condition in 1980, aged 18. Alan served with the 17th/21st Lancers in Britain for five years.



Alan and Muriel Brazier celebrated their diamond wedding and inset on their wedding day.

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Thugs playing a game of six-a-side football left an opposing player with a broken jaw and another with fractured facial bone after launching a mid-match assault.

The attack happened when The Underdogs took on Borussia Teeth at the Sneyd School pitches in Vernon Way, Bloxwich.

Todd Nash, who suffered a broken bone near his eye socket, told how the melee was sparked by an unprovoked attack.

The 24-year-old, of Heath Town, Wolverhampton, said the fracas started on Monday when one of the opposing team hit one of his friends when the referee's back was turned just after half time in the nil-nil game.

Mr Nash said before he



Todd Nash

knew it his team mate was on the floor being assaulted.

When Mr Nash tried to pull his team mate away, he was punched in the face. Another of his friends was also attacked.

He said: "It started with a bit of pushing and shoving and next thing my mate was on the floor and the guy was on top of him throwing punch after punch. We were all just shocked, we didn't throw a single punch at all."

Another 24-year-old underwent an operation after finding out his jaw was broken in two places and a third man suffered bruising to his face.

Mr Nash said he will have to wait until the swelling of his face goes down to find out if he will need surgery.

Leisure Leagues, who provide the six-a-side football, said: "The Underdogs have been removed from the league and all team members have received life bans from all Leisure Leagues competition."

Spokesman Chris Roundtree said: "They will never be welcome in our league again."

Wayne Harman, captain of The Underdogs, denied his team started the trouble and said he was disappointed the Borussia Teeth were not also banned.

Jo Hunt, of West Midlands Police, said they were investigating the incident and taking statements.

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# Family firm looks to grow its operations

A family business that has been in the heart of Willenhall for almost 140 years is set to expand its factory in the town – safeguarding 47 jobs and creating room for eight new workers.

Forging company WH Tildesley Ltd serves the aerospace, oil, motorsport and pharmaceutical industries.

Bosses have now submitted plans to Walsall Council to replace the main forging building at the base in Bow Street. The new building will create extra space to boost the workload.

It will also allow bosses to take on

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new staff. Most of the site has been redeveloped over the past 15 years but the main forging building has largely remained untouched.

The company did not want to comment. A report from the firm to council planners reads: "Much of the current site involves complex contours, varied floor levels and differing surface conditions which inhibit material flows and now present a barrier to competitive change-over procedures."

## Flourished

The company started off in 1874 making horse shoe blanks but has

flourished over the years and now creates hi-tech parts for a host of different industries.

The fifth generation of the Tildesley family is now at the helm of the company, which was first founded by William Horace Tildesley.

Originally making equipment for stabling including grooming gear, the company switched to mass manufacture of horse shoe blanks during the First World War.

It was this that prompted the company to move to its current site. Horace Tildesley, son of William, took over and forging became its main operation.

David Tildesley succeeded his father after the Second World War and the business began to invest in

new equipment. David was succeeded by his son Richard in the early 1980s and the firm carved out a role as a major forging supplier. Richard's brother John joined in the late 80s and is now MD.

Walsall Council planners are expected to make a decision by May 5.

## Vandal still hunted

A graffiti artist who has covered pubs, bridges, walls and cable boxes in Walsall with a spray-paint scrawl is still "at large", the leader of the council has said. Leader Mike Bird has issued an appeal to find the person responsible for the tag "Bows", which has been left in Birchills, Caldmore, Leamore, Walsall town centre and Sutton Road.



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The pair eventually combined their styling talents to establish the enterprise at two sites in Allens Lane, Pelsall and Field Road, Bloxwich.

They shut the Bloxwich salon in 2009 due to the difficult trading conditions and consolidated the business with a single branch in Pelsall.

Mrs Edgington, aged 54, of Pelsall, said: "We would like to thank the customers for their loyalty over the years."

"I've have a customer who has stayed with me for 38 years and Theresa has a customer whom she has known since she was a teenager working in her own mom's salon."

"It's a team effort when you work in a hair salon and we have worked with some very loyal staff over the years and would also like to thank them," she added.

She and Mrs Baker, 52, of Bloxwich, met as trainees at the Robin Sanbrooks salon in Pleck.



Theresa Baker, seated, Vilma Edgington, Charley Clare, Vicky Powell, Charlotte Cavanagh, and Libby Powell celebrate 25 years of Wisps.

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# Car salesman is fined over crash

A car salesman who was involved in a crash after driving through a red light in Walsall has been fined and narrowly missed out on losing his licence.

Thomas Price, aged 21, of Long Lane, Great Wyrley, admitted driving without due care and attention at Walsall Magistrates Court.

The white van he was driving crashed with a black Peugeot on Lichfield Road, at the junction with Field Road, Bloxwich, on

December 4 last year. Miss Anjuli Shergill, prosecuting, said Price proceeded to go through a red traffic light shortly before the collision, causing extensive damage to both vehicles.

Price and the male driver of the Peugeot were taken to Walsall Manor Hospital.

Price had muscular injuries while the driver of the Peugeot suffered chest pains and a fractured breast bone, Miss Shergill said. Mrs Sarb Sehmi, mitigating, said:

"This offence amounts to a temporary loss in concentration. It was not intentional.

Price, who already had three penalty points on his driving licence for a speeding offence, told the court he could not cope without his licence as he worked as a cars salesman.

Price was fined £200, ordered to pay £85 costs, £15 victim surcharge and his driving licence was endorsed with nine penalty points.

## Alley may be shut at night

An alleyway which has been a magnet for prostitutes and drug users in Caldmore, Walsall, could be closed off at nights bringing years of nuisance to an end for neighbours.

Two metre high security gates are proposed for the pathway between 15 and 15A Caldmore Green after complaints from businesses and residents in the area.

It is being suggested by Walsall Council and keys will be given to owners of nearby buildings.

The application has been put forward by Karen Bateman, security improvements officer, who said: "The proposed security improvements have been requested as a result of a number of years in which the alley has been a focal point for severe anti-social and criminal activity.

The proposal goes on to state: "It has facilitated acts of prostitution and drug taking and attacks to members of the community."

The proposals for the gates are due to be considered by council planners sometime in the near future.

## Library opens hub for computer skills

People can improve their computer skills through the launch of learning hubs across Walsall.

The latest one has been created at Bloxwich Library where visitors have access to 12 computers.

As part of the learning hub initiative users can book an appointment with an IT expert to boost their knowledge.

It was opened at the library in Elmore Row this week and can be used for students wanting to get a head start.

Up to six are being set up as part of a joint initiative between Walsall Libraries Service and Walsall Adult and Community College. Others are already in use at the Hawbush centre in Leamore and the Whitehall centre in Caldmore.

Maria Gilling, college principal, said: "We're delighted to be able to offer learners this additional support which will complement their course and help them achieve their aims."

The Bloxwich Library base is to open from 9.30am until 11.30am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.



John McGeer with director of curriculum Joanna Keatley at Bloxwich Library

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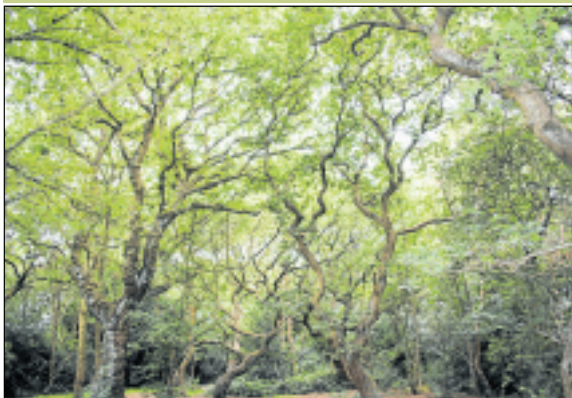
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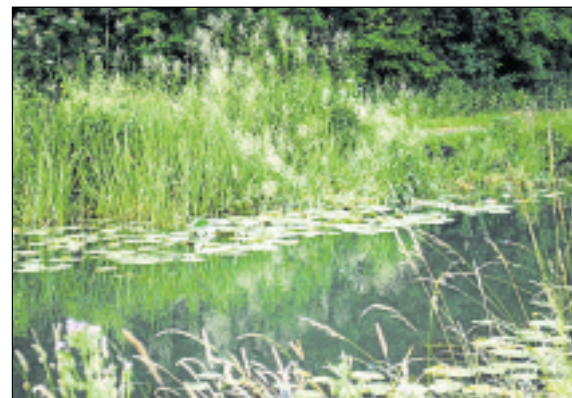
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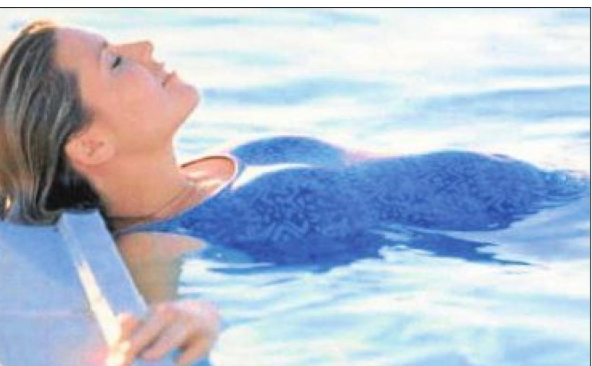
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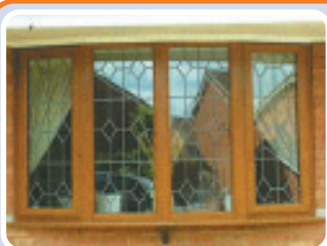
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## Ways to survive Freshers' Week

**F**reshers' Week is such an exciting time - it's the opportunity to join clubs, make new friends and get started in university life.

The problem is it can also be terrifying, huge rooms full of people you don't know, some that may become great friends and others that you will spend the next three years trying to avoid.

You may join a club, part with your hard-earned £10 only to find that 'playing hockey' is actually an excuse for drinking pints of lager.

All those social events laid on - 'wine and wine' evenings, discos and society promotions - are the perfect opportunity to see what you might like to be involved in for your next few years at university.

Don't be concerned that you are committing to sticking with a club or society you don't like for ever - loads of people join up to clubs in Freshers' Week and never go to their meetings, so see what takes your fancy and join up.

### Nerves

Think of Freshers' Week as a way to check the lie of the land at university - pretty much everyone you come across will be in the same boat as you, not sure if they're wearing the right clothes, unsure of what to join, who are the cool people, who will you wish you hadn't befriended.

This is the very reason that universities arrange all these social functions, or pretty much everyone would just stay in their rooms until lectures started.

So, here are some top tips to make your Freshers' Week as exciting as possible, without the stomach churning nerves and embarrassment.

- When you move into your halls on the first day, prop your door open as you unpack and have some cool music on, perhaps have a pot of coffee, bottle of wine or cake available, so your fellow residents can see you are friendly and can say hello as they go past. This is a great way to break the ice and will make it more likely that you have someone to go to the events of the week with.



University social events often involve alcohol but don't go over the top - you'll regret it the next day!

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- Be happy with your appearance. Make sure you have clothes you feel good in and a haircut you're happy with before you leave home to go to university, it will make your first few weeks so much easier. Don't worry about being 'new' or you will look like it's your first day of school instead.

- Be prepared that the only topics of conversation for the first few days will be 'what A' levels did you get?', 'what halls are you in?' or 'what course are you on?' Some Freshers' Week events even give you tags to hang round your neck to write the answers on! Have a few amusing stories from your gap year or summer job.

- Don't do anything in your first week that you will spend the next three years regretting - this could include getting in with a dodgy crowd, falling in love with the first person you meet or blowing all your money

on something ludicrous. There is always someone who does these things - just make sure it's not you or you won't be able to enjoy university life to the full.

- Accept that you will probably be homesick. Don't go home in the first week. It does get better and you will not be the only one feeling it. By all means call your mum and have a cry, but don't do it every-day or it will get harder and harder to stay. And don't do it in front of everyone - take your mobile in your room.

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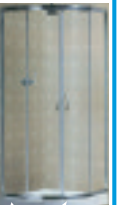
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We've watched in horror and distress as Ruth's previously sound mind descended into chaos. But, thankfully, it seems there could be light at the end of the tunnel when she finds Sally, a troubled young woman with a bad case of paranoia, slumped in the toilet and decides to examine her. What she discovers makes her realise that maybe, she could continue to be a doctor after all. Meanwhile, new medic Dylan Keogh's brazen, know-it-all attitude rubs his colleagues up the wrong way. However, it seems he has a softer heart than he's been letting on – he discovers an old patient's health has deteriorated badly, prompting him to find solace in the bottom of a wine bottle.

## BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 BBC News. Regional News. Weather. 11.45 Football Focus. 12.30 Match of the Day Live. Leeds United v Nottingham Forest (Kick-off 12.45pm). 2.55 Film: Galaxy Quest. (1999) Sci-fi comedy, starring Jim Allen. 4.30 Final Score. 5.15 BBC News: Regional News. Weather. 5.30 All New Total Wipeout: The Awards.

6.30 **So You Think You Can Dance.** The last round of auditions takes place, but judges Louise Redknapp and Sisco Gomez argue over a dancer's distinctive look.

7.30 **The National Lottery: Secret Fortune.** A man and his mother-in-law take part in the high-tension quiz show presented by Nick Knowles in which contestants have the opportunity to win £100,000.

8.25 **Casualty.** Ruth realises she can still be a doctor – despite her bipolar diagnosis – after learning former mentor Sarah Evans has OCD, while Dylan Keogh is threatened with a lawsuit.

9.15 **Live at the Apollo.** Stand-up comedy from the Hammersmith Apollo. (R)

10.00 **BBC News: Weather.** 10.20 **Match of the Day.** Including West Ham United v Manchester United; National Lottery Update.

11.45 **The Football League Show.** Highlights of today's games; Weatherview.

1.10 BBC News.

## BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 12.00 Coast. (R) 12.15 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 1.00 Film: The Prince and the Showgirl. (1957) Romantic comedy, with Laurence Olivier and Marilyn Monroe. 2.55 Priceless Antiques Roadshow. (R) 3.25 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.25 Flog It! (R) 4.55 Film: Carry On Again, Doctor. (1969) Comedy, starring Sid James.

6.20 **Dad's Army.** A bomb lands on the bank. (R)

6.50 **Welsh Greats.**

7.20 **The Last Goon Show of All.** Comedy, with Peter Sellers, Harry Secombe and Spike Milligan. (R)

8.00 **Edward VII: Prince of Pleasure.** Documentary drawing on research to unravel the mystery of a monarch who has been described as a sex addict, an astute political operator and a boisterous philistine. (R)

9.00 **Goldie's Band: By Royal Appointment.** The 12 chosen youngsters develop their performance and composing skills by taking part in intensive masterclasses and workshops with music industry experts.

10.00 **The Tudors.** Henry is troubled by visions. Last in the series.

10.55 **Nurse Jackie.** Mrs Kallit offers Eddie his job back.

11.25 **ICC Cricket World Cup Highlights.** The final at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai, India.

12.25 Frank Skinner's Opinionated. (R) 12.55 Film: The Rainbow. (1988) Period drama, starring Sammi Davis and Paul McGann. 2.40 Close.

## ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. 9.25 Coronation Street. 11.45 This Morning: Saturday. 12.45 Monk. 1.40 ITV News: Weather. 1.45 You've Been Framed! (R) 2.15 Film: Like Mike. (2002) Children's fantasy adventure, starring Bow Wow. 4.05 Film: Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles. (2001) Comedy adventure sequel, starring Paul Hogan. 5.45 Regional Programmes. 5.55 ITV News: Weather.

6.10 **New You've Been Fined.**

6.40 **Harry Hill's TV Burp Compilation.**

7.10 **Ant & Dec's Push the Button.** Last week's winning family returns to take on a new set of challenges, with the teams hoping to hold on to as much of their allocated £100,000 as possible. Last in the series.

8.25 **Live Celebrity Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?: Mother's Day Special.** Chris Tarrant hosts as David Walliams and his mother Kathleen take part in a special charity edition with Oily Murs and his mum Vicky, and Patsy Palmer and her son Charley.

9.40 **FILM: Wanted.** (2008) Premiere. A man joins a secret society of assassins that kills people destined to commit acts of evil. Action adventure, starring James McAvoy, Angelina Jolie.

11.45 **ITV News: Weather.**

12.00 The Zone. ITV News Headlines. 2.05 Swingtown. (R) 2.55 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

## Channel 4

6.10 Sali Mali. (R) 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 6.40 The Hoobs. (R) 7.05 FIM Superbike World Championship. (R) 7.30 The Grid. 8.00 The Morning Line. 9.00 T4: Friends. (R) 9.30 T4: Rio: T4 Movie Special. 10.00 T4: Friends. (R) 10.30 T4: Glee. 11.25 T4: Great British Hairdresser. 12.30 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.55 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.25 That Paralympic Show. 1.55 Channel 4 Racing. 3.55 The Secret Supper Club. 4.25 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) 4.55 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) 5.25 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R)

6.00 **Come Dine with Me Extra Portions.** Farmer's son John Beacall hosts the final dinner party in East Yorkshire. (R)

6.30 **Channel 4 News.**

6.55 **4thought.tv.** The role God might play in natural disasters.

7.00 **River Cottage Every Day.** Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall rejuvenates the working-week lunch. (R)

8.00 **Seven Ages of Britain.** The fifth age of Britain, beginning in 1066. (R)

9.00 **FILM: The Transporter 2.** (2005) Action thriller sequel, starring Jason Statham.

10.35 **Stand Up for the Week.** Satirical comedy show, hosted by Kevin Bridges.

11.25 **FILM: Nine to Five.** (1980) Comedy, starring Dolly Parton and Jane Fonda.

1.30 Sex in the 80s: Pop Sex. (R) 2.25 Privileged. (R) 3.50 Ugly Betty. (R) 4.35 Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) 5.00 Countdown. (R) 5.45 Yo Gabba Gabba! (R)

## Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Meals in Moments. 10.10 Fifti Gear. (R) 10.40 The Gadget Show. 11.40 Megastructures: Extreme Bridge Demolition. (R) 12.45 Film: Up Periscope. (1959) Adventure, with James Garner. 2.55 Film: The Sea Chase. (1955) Adventure, starring John Wayne. 5.05 Film: Anzio. (1968) Drama, starring Robert Mitchum.

7.20 **5 News Weekend.**

7.25 **NCIS.** A blind man unwittingly photographs a murder, leading Jethro and the team to the corpse of a petty officer who was stabbed with a knife left at the scene. (R)

8.20 **CSI: Grissom's Greatest.** William Petersen highlights some of Gil Grissom's most heroic moments, beginning as the team struggles to piece together events leading to the murder of a showgirl. (R)

9.15 **CSI: NY.** The investigators find three bodies when they arrive at the scene of an accident involving a truck full of revelers. Drama, starring Gary Sinise.

10.15 **CSI: Miami.** The mother of Horatio's son Kyle is involved in a murder. (R)

11.15 **CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.** Two bodies are found buried under tar at a building site. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. 4.00 The FBI Files. (R) 4.50 Meals in Moments. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

## Digital

ITV2  
 3.50 American Idol 6.45 Film: Back to the Future (1985) Sci-fi comedy adventure, starring Michael J. Fox. 9.00 Film: Magicians (2007) A conjuring double act who became bitter rivals are forced to bury the hatchet to compete in an international competition. Comedy, starring David Mitchell. 10.55 Celebrity Juice 11.40 Film: Daylight (1996)

ITV3  
 7.50 Foyle's War 6.00 Inspector Morse 8.00 Rosemary & Thyme 9.00 Midsomer Murders 11.05 Murder in Suburbia

ITV4  
 1.55 Film: The Big Country (1958) 5.15 Film: Dunkirk (1958) 8.00 Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors 9.00 Ultimate Force 10.30 Film: First Blood (1982) A Vietnam veteran escapes unjust imprisonment and flees into the wilderness, where he fights the law on his own terms. Action thriller, with Sylvester Stallone.

BBC THREE  
 7.00 Top Gear 8.00 Pop's Greatest Dance Crazes 10.00 Russell Howard's Good News Extra 10.45 Family Guy 11.30 American Dad!

BBC FOUR  
 7.50 Nature's Great Events 8.00 Al Murray's German Adventure 9.00 Spiral 10.50 Twenty Twelve 11.20 Women in Love

E4  
 1.25 Hollyoaks 4.00 Make It or Break It 4.55 Friends 6.00 Glee 7.00 The Big Bang Theory 7.55 Friends 9.00 Rude Tube 10.00 Film: Predator 2 (1990) A tough cop investigating a series of gruesome murders discovers it is the work of an alien that kills for sport. Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Danny Glover and Bill Paxton.

FILM4  
 2.55 Baby's Day Out (1994) 4.50 Batman (1966) 6.55 The Eagle Special 7.05 Turner & Hooch (1989) 9.00 PS I Love You (2007) 11.25 A History of Violence (2005)

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### THE CUBE

ITV1, 7pm

Phillip Schofield is easily the most likeable man on telly. If he's not bringing us the news and celebrity gossip of a morning, he's consoling the latest contestant to be beaten by the large glass cube. Tonight he returns to our screens to present another set of challenges in the now-famous Perspex box to eager contestants, as they battle to win a cool £250,000. In this first instalment, firefighter Hayley and binman Paul are among the first to run the gauntlet. Like the rest of us, they might be quietly confident that they can surpass the speed, agility, balance and memory tasks, but they can count on having a re-think once under the actual spotlight.

## BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 7.30 Match of the Day. (R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 The Big Questions. 11.00 Country Tracks. 12.00 The Politics Show. 1.05 EastEnders. 3.00 Bargain Hunt. 3.30 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.30 Points of View. 4.45 Songs of Praise. 5.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.00 Regional Programme. 6.30 The Boat That Guy Built. (R)

7.00 Countryfile. A visit to the Yorkshire Wolds, where Julia Bradbury watches one of England's oldest horse races and Matt Baker witnesses seabirds arrive for the start of the breeding season. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. The experts return to the British Museum, where items brought in by members of the public include photos of a young Elvis Presley and a pot that is not as ancient as it seems.

9.00 Waking the Dead. Part one of two. The team investigates the death of a terror suspect.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Imagine: The Trouble with Tolstoy. Conclusion. Alan Yentob retraces the author's troubled later years.

11.25 FILM: The Last Station. (2009) Premiere. Period drama, starring James McAvoy.

1.10 The Sky at Night: Weatherview. 1.35 Sign Zone: MasterChef. (R) 2.35 Holby City. (R) 3.35 Men of Rock. (R) 4.35 BBC News.

## BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 10.00 Something for the Weekend. 11.30 MasterChef. (R) 12.30 Live MotoGP: The Spanish Grand Prix (Start-time 1.00pm). 2.05 Film: Viva Knievel! (1977) Motorcycling adventure, starring Evel Knievel. 3.45 Film: The Gumball Rally. (1976) Car-race comedy, starring Michael Sarrazin. 5.30 The Truth About Lions. (R)

6.30 Jackie Stewart: The Flying Scot. Portrait of the former racing driver, winner of three Formula One World Championships, chronicling his early career and subsequent role as an internationally respected businessman. Previously shown on BBC4.

8.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson and Richard Hammond debate which company has made the greatest number of exceptional cars, and Radio 2 DJ Chris Evans is the Star in a Reasonably Priced Car. (R)

9.00 Louis Theroux: America's Most Hated Family in Crisis. The reporter pays a return visit to the Westboro Baptist Church.

10.00 Match of the Day 2. Manchester City v Sunderland and Fulham v Blackpool.

11.00 Football League Trophy Final. Brentford v Carlisle.

11.40 FILM: Awaydays. (2009) Premiere. Drama, with Stephen Graham.

12.00 BBC News. 4.35 The Super League Show. 5.05 Close.

## ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. 9.25 May the Best Horse Win. (R) 10.25 House Gift. (R) 11.30 This Morning: Sunday. 12.30 Dinner Date. (R) 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.35 Film: Columbo: Old Fashioned Murder. (1976) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. 3.05 Torvill and Dean's Dancing on Ice Tour 2010. (R) 4.05 Midsomer Murders. (R)

6.10 Harry Hill's TV Burp Compilation. Classics skills and quips from past series. (R)

6.35 Regional Programmes. 6.45 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 The Cube. New series. A firefighter and a dustman take part in the game show, completing tasks within the confines of a large cube in a bid to win £250,000. Phillip Schofield hosts.

8.00 Lewis. New series. A college reunion takes a tragic turn when a guest is found murdered, and Lewis calls in a former colleague to help investigate a possible link to a 10-year-old case.

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.

10.15 FILM: The Bucket List. (2008) Two terminally ill men plan to enjoy the time they have left by working through a list of things they have always wanted to do. Comedy, starring Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman.

12.05 Premiership Rugby Union. 12.50 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.00 Film: DOA: Dead or Alive. (2006) Adventure, with Jaime Pressly. 3.25 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 Morning News.

## Channel 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Friesports on 4. 7.30 Crunchtime. 7.55 T4: The Crush. 8.25 T4: Friends. (R) 8.55 T4: Friends. (R) 9.25 T4: Hollyoaks. 11.55 T4: Glee. (R) 12.55 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 1.30 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 1.55 Four in a Bed. (R) 2.30 Four in a Bed. (R) 2.55 Four in a Bed. (R) 3.30 Four in a Bed. (R) 3.55 Four in a Bed. (R) 4.25 Deal or No Deal. 5.30 Time Team.

6.30 Channel 4 News.

6.55 4thought.tv. The role of God in natural disasters.

7.00 Come Dine with Me. A woman with a penchant for risqué conversation takes on a landlady, a fitness fanatic and a member of a Take That tribute band as the dinner party challenge heads to Worcester.

8.00 Civilization: Is the West History? Niall Ferguson examines the roots of modern consumerism, and asks whether the global dominance of the West's big brands and major corporations could be coming to an end.

9.00 Country House Rescue. A stately home that has been in its owner's family since the 11th century.

10.00 FILM: The Magdalene Sisters. (2002) Drama, starring Geraldine McEwan.

12.15 Film: Lost in Translation. (2003) Comedy drama, starring Bill Murray. 2.05 Amelia and Michael. (R) 2.15 Never Did Me Any Harm. (R) 3.15 The Play's the Thing. (R) 4.10 Without a Trace. (R) 4.55 Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) 5.20 Countdown. (R)

## Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Fifi and the Flowerpots. (R) 6.25 Fireman Sam. (R) 6.40 Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. (R) 6.50 The Beeps. (R) 7.00 Mio Mao. (R) 7.10 Chiro. (R) 7.15 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) 7.30 Noddy in Toyland. (R) 7.40 Igam Ogam. (R) 7.50 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) 7.55 Little Princess. (R) 8.10 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.20 Hana's Helpline. (R) 8.30 Family! (R) 8.40 Milkshake! Monkey. (R) 8.45 Rupert Bear. (R) 9.00 Olivia. (R) 9.15 The Mr Men Show. (R) 9.30 Gerald McBoing Boing. (R) 10.00 Nigel Marven's Rhino Adventure. (R) 11.05 Andre Rieu in New York. 12.05 Ice Road Truckers. (R) 1.05 Emergency Bikers. (R) 2.05 Film: Prince Charming. (2001) Fairy-tale fantasy, starring Sean Maguire. 3.50 Film: 13 Going on 30. (2004) Romantic comedy, starring Jennifer Garner and Mark Ruffalo. 5.45 5 News Weekend. 5.50 Film: High School Musical 3: Senior Year. (2008) Premiere. Teen musical sequel, starring Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens.

8.10 FILM: Just Married.

(2003) Romantic comedy, with Brittany Murphy, Ashton Kutcher, Christian Kane and David Moscow.

10.00 FILM: Two Weeks Notice. (2002) Romantic comedy, starring Sandra Bullock and Hugh Grant.

12.00 The Simon Cowell Factor. (R) 1.00 SuperCasino. 4.00 The FBI Files. (R) 4.50 Meals in Moments. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

## Digital

ITV2  
 4.20 The Only Way Is Essex 5.50 Film: Back to the Future Part II (1989) 8.00 Kerry Katona - The Next Chapter 9.00 Benidorm 10.00 The Only Way Is Essex 10.45 Film: Batman (1989) Comic-book adventure, with Michael Keaton and Jack Nicholson.

ITV3  
 3.45 Pollyanna 5.45 Film: Forever Young (1992) 7.50 An Audience with Michael Buble 9.00 Film: City of Angels (1998) Romantic fantasy, starring Nicolas Cage, Meg Ryan and Dennis Franz. 11.15 Jane Eyre

ITV4  
 11.00 British Touring Car Championship. The opening round of the season at the Brands Hatch Circuit. 6.00 Film: Brewster's Millions (1985) 8.00 Premiership Rugby Union 9.00 Film: Nighthawks (1981) Action adventure, starring Sylvester Stallone. 11.00 Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors

BBC THREE  
 7.00 The World's Strictest Parents 8.00 Junior Doctors: Your Life in Their Hands 9.00 Police Academy UK 10.00 Family Guy 10.45 American Dad! 11.30 White Van Man

BBC FOUR  
 7.00 Come Clog Dancing - Treasures of English Folk Dance 8.00 The Elger: Wall of Death 9.00 Re-Trial by TV: The Rise and Fall of Rough Justice 10.00 The Highest Court in the Land: Justice Makers 11.00 Eyewitness

E4  
 3.05 Make It or Break It 4.05 Film: Big Momma's House 2 (2006) 6.00 Friends 7.30 9.02 10.25 Friends 10.00 Film: The Hole (2001)

FILM4  
 1.00 Genevieve (1953) 4.50 Just My Luck (2006) 6.50 4 Films For 6.55 The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen (2003) 9.00 The Sum of All Fears (2002) Thriller, starring Ben Affleck. 11.20 The Breed (2006)

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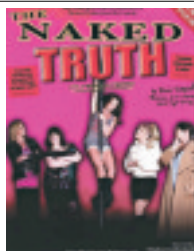
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## Monday

**BBC1** 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Neighbourhood Blues. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Britain's Empty Homes. 11.30 Cash in the Attic. (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Justice. 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Weakest Link. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 Bang Goes the Theory. BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 EastEnders. 8.30 Finished at Fifty? - Panorama. 9.00 Walking the Dead. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 A Question of Sport. 11.05 Late Kick Off. 11.35 Film: The Big Easy. (1987) Romantic crime thriller, starring John Goodman and Ellen Barkin; Weatherview. 12.00 Sign Zone: MasterChef. (R) 2.20 Silk. (R) 3.20 Arctic with Bruce Parry. (R) 4.20 BBC News.

**BBC2** 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Meerkat Manor. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. 2.30 Real Rescues. (R) 3.00 Cash in the Celebrity Attic. (R) 3.45 Flog It! (R) 4.30 Pointless. 5.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00 The Great Rift: Africa's Wild Heart. (R) 8.00 University Challenge. 8.30 Lambing Live. 10.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Louis Theroux: America's Most Hated Family in Crisis. (R) 12.00 An Island Paraph. (R) 12.50 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

**ITV1** 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News. 2.00 60 Minute Makeover. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 Britain's Best Dish. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Dales. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Law & Order: UK. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Real Crime: A Shot in the Dark. (R) 11.35 River Monsters. (R) 12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.35 UEFA Champions League Weekly. 3.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 3.55 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

**Channel 4** 6.05 Sali Mali. (R) 6.10 Max Bear. 6.25 The Hoobs. (R) 6.50 The Hoobs. (R) 7.15 Freshly Squeezed. 7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.05 Frasier. (R) 8.35 Friends. (R) 9.10 Supernanny USA. 10.00 Brothers & Sisters. 10.55 Relocation. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 River Cottage Bites. 12.10 Jamie at Home. (R) 12.35 Film: Sea Wife. (1957) Second World War romantic adventure, starring Richard Burton and Joan Collins. 2.10 Cookery School. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Fern. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Dispatches: Cashing in on Degrees. 9.00 One Born Every Minute. (R) 10.00 Heston's 70s Feast. (R) 11.05 The Event. 12.05 Music on 4: The Album Chart Show Introduces - Katy B. 12.20 Music on 4: 4Play: Gypsy and the Cat. 12.40 European Poker Tour. 1.35 Home Wasn't Built in a Day. (R) 2.30 Royal Deaths and Diseases. (R) 3.25 Codex. (R) 4.20 The Bible: A History. (R) 5.15 Ugly Betty. (R)

**Channel 5** 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.05 The Blasters. (R) 12.05 The Family Recipe. (R) 12.10 5 News Luncheon. 12.20 House. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 The Vanessa Show. 3.05 Chinese Food in Minutes. 3.15 Film: Recipe for Revenge. (1998) Crime drama, starring Corbin Bernsen. 5.00 5 News at 5; Weather. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.25 OK! TV. 7.00 5 News at 7. 7.30 How Do They Do It? 5 News Update. 8.00 The Gadget Show. 9 News at 9. 9.00 Film: Executive Decision. (1996) Action thriller, starring Kurt Russell. 11.45 Film: Undisputed. (2002) Boxing drama, starring Vin Diesel. 1.30 SuperCasino. 4.05 The FBI Files. (R) 4.55 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.35 House Doctor. (R)

## Tuesday

**BBC1** 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Neighbourhood Blues. Police in Kent attend a stake-out. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Britain's Empty Homes. 11.30 Cash in the Attic. (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Justice. 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Weakest Link. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 Party Political Broadcast. (R) 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 EastEnders. BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 Holly City. 9.00 Candy Cabs. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 See You in Court. 11.25 The World's Worst Place to Be Gay?; Weatherview. 12.30 Sign Zone: Michel Roux's Service. (R) 1.30 Bang Goes the Winter Weather Special. (R) 2.30 Who Does What? (R) 3.30 Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein. (R) 4.00 BBC News.

**BBC2** 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Meerkat Manor. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 12.55 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 1.40 To Buy or Not to Buy. 2.25 Real Rescues. (R) 2.55 Cash in the Celebrity Attic. (R) 3.40 Flog It! (R) 4.25 Pointless. 5.10 Escape to the Country. (R) 5.55 Party Political Broadcast. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00 The Great Rift: Africa's Wild Heart. (R) 8.00 Lambing Live. 9.00 Filthy Cities. 10.00 Later Live - with Jools Holland. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Film: Perfume: The Story of a Murderer. (2006) Period thriller, starring Ben Whishaw and Alan Rickman. 1.35 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

**ITV1** 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News. 2.00 60 Minute Makeover. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 Britain's Best Dish. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.25 Party Election Broadcast. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Dales. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Law & Order: UK. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Real Crime: A Shot in the Dark. (R) 11.35 River Monsters. (R) 12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.35 UEFA Champions League Weekly. 3.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 3.55 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

**Channel 4** 6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10 Max Bear. 6.25 The Hoobs. (R) 6.50 The Hoobs. (R) 7.15 Freshly Squeezed. 7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.05 Frasier. (R) 8.40 Friends. (R) 9.10 Supernanny USA. 10.00 Brothers & Sisters. 10.55 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Film: The Quiller Memorandum. (1966) Spy thriller, starring George Segal. 2.05 Cookery School. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. Game show, with Noel Edmonds. 5.00 Fern. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Superize vs Superkinny. 9.00 Katie: My Beautiful Friends. 10.00 Campus. 11.00 Pete Versus Lili. (R) 11.45 School of Comedy. 12.15 UK & Ireland Poker Tour. 1.15 Freeports on 4. (R) 1.40 The Grid. (R) 2.05 KOTV Boxing Weekly. 2.30 Sailing. (R) 2.55 ITV Triathlon World Cup Magazine. 3.00 5 News at 5. 3.15 The Frontiers House. (R) 2.05 Film: Nausicaa of the Valley of the Wind. (1984) 4.15 Ugly Betty. (R) 5.00 Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) 5.25 Countdown. (R)

**Channel 5** 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.05 The Blasters. (R) 12.05 Meals in Moments. (R) 12.10 5 News Luncheon. 12.20 House. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 The Vanessa Show. 3.05 Chinese Food in Minutes. 3.15 Film: NYC: Tornado Terror. (2008) Disaster thriller, starring Nicole de Boer, Colby Johnson and Jerry Wasserman. 5.00 5 News at 5; Weather. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.25 OK! TV. 7.00 5 News at 7. 7.30 Extraordinary Dogs: 5 News Update. 8.00 Tsunami: British Search & Rescue. 5 News at 9. 9.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. One of Grissom's former lovers is suspected of murder. 10.00 CSI: Miami. (R) 10.55 CSI: NY. (R) 11.55 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) 12.55 SuperCasino. 4.05 The FBI Files. (R) 4.55 Rough Guide to Beaches. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.35 House Doctor. (R)

## Wednesday

**BBC1** 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Neighbourhood Blues. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Britain's Empty Homes. 11.30 Cash in the Attic. (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Justice. 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Weakest Link. (R) 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 6.55 Party Election Broadcast. (R) 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 The Boat That Guy Built; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 Waterloo Road. 9.00 MasterChef. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The National Lottery Wednesday Night Draws. 10.45 Would I Lie to You? (R) 11.15 Film: Just Friends. (2005) Romantic comedy, starring Ryan Reynolds and Amy Smart; National Lottery Update; Weatherview. 12.45 Sign Zone: See Hear. (R) 1.15 Country Tracks. (R) 2.15 Natural World. (R) 3.15 Ealing Made Easy. (R) 3.45 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 4.15 BBC News.

**BBC2** 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Meerkat Manor. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 See Hear. 1.30 Coast. (R) 1.40 To Buy or Not to Buy. 2.25 Real Rescues. (R) 2.55 Cash in the Celebrity Attic. (R) 3.40 Flog It! (R) 4.25 Pointless. 5.10 Escape to the Country. 5.55 Party Election Broadcast. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00 The Great Rift: Africa's Wild Heart. (R) 8.00 Lambing Live. 9.00 The Crimson Petal and the White. 10.00 Have I Got News for You. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 12.00 Golf. The Masters. 12.20 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

**ITV1** 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News. 2.00 60 Minute Makeover. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 Britain's Best Dish. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.25 Party Election Broadcast. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 UEFA Champions League Live: Chelsea v Manchester United (Kick-off 7.45pm). 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 UK & Ireland Champions League: Extra Time. 11.35 Smugglers. (R) 12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.35 Spartacus. (R) 4.05 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

**Channel 4** 6.10 Max Bear. 6.25 The Hoobs. (R) 6.50 The Hoobs. (R) 7.15 Freshly Squeezed. 7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.05 Frasier. (R) 8.35 Friends. (R) 9.05 Wife Swap USA. (R) 10.00 Brothers & Sisters. 10.55 Country House Rescue. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Film: Gallipoli. (1981) 2.10 Cookery School. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Fern. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Vacation. Vacation. 8.30 Supercritters: Waste Not Want Not. 9.00 Jamie's Dream School. 10.00 The Model Agency. 11.05 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.40 The Big C. 12.15 Music on 4: Abbey Road Debuts. 12.30 Music on 4: The Album Chart Show Spotlight. 12.45 Music on 4: Mercury Prize Sessions. (R) 1.00 Music on 4: Russian Standard Vodka Night. 12.55 Music on 4: The Frontiers House. (R) 2.05 Film: Nausicaa of the Valley of the Wind. (1984) 4.15 Ugly Betty. (R) 5.00 Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) 5.25 Countdown. (R)

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**BBC2** 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Meerkat Manor. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 1.45 Racing from Aintree. The first day of the Grand National meeting. 4.30 Pointless. 5.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 5.55 Party Political Broadcast. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00 David Attenborough's First Life. (R) 8.00 Lambing Live. 9.00 A History of Celtic Britain. 10.00 Rhod Gilbert's Work Experience. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Filthy Cities. (R) 12.20 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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**Channel 4** 6.10 Max Bear. 6.20 The Hoobs. (R) 7.15 Freshly Squeezed. 7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.05 Frasier. (R) 8.35 Friends. (R) 9.05 Wife Swap USA. (R) 10.00 Brothers & Sisters. 10.55 The Restoration Man. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 River Cottage Bites. (R) 12.15 Film: The Colditz Story. (1954) Second World War drama, starring John Mills. 2.05 Cookery School. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Fern. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Three in a Bed. 9.00 Dad's Having a Batty A Bodyshop Special. 10.00 10 O'Clock Live. 11.05 Friday Night Dinner. (R) 11.35 The Ricky Gervais Show. 12.05 Music on 4: 4Play: The Kills. 12.25 Music on 4: On Track. (R) 12.40 Music on 4: The Crush. 1.35 Face of Britain. (R) 2.30 Dispatches: Cashing in on Degrees. (R) 3.20 Unreported World. (R) 3.45 Hill Street Blues. (R) 4.40 Ugly Betty. (R) 5.25 Countdown. (R)

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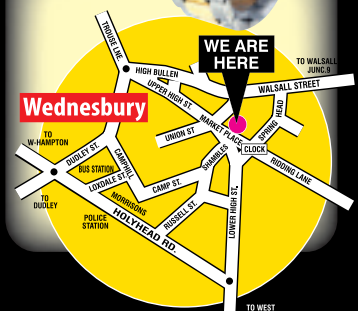
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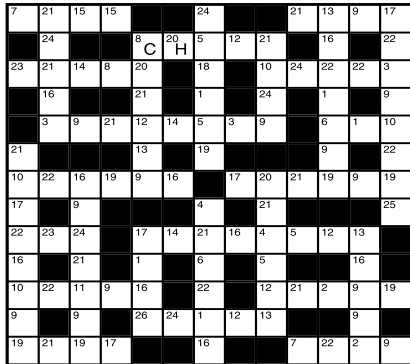


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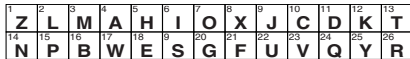
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## Codeword

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## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

## Cryptic Clues:

## Across

1. Sufferers find it painful in the extreme (4)
3. Sort of residence that's desirable, being without tears (4-4)
9. Falls back again on the Royal Artillery (7)
10. Has to provide promises (5)
11. Fail to understand decimals correctly? (4,3,5)
13. Repast, perhaps, comes to a fine end (6)
15. A selfish character, no argument about that (6)
17. But it's not what pyromaniacs suffer from! (7,5)
20. Shoot nothing before the rise, perhaps (5)
21. Some skyscraper turbulence to disturb you (7)
22. Reserve currency keeps one's place perhaps (8)
23. Something afoot when she holds a ring (4)

## Down

1. He may warn his customers about overcharging! (8)
2. Mountain range in rural surroundings (5)
4. Cancels part of an order as essentially unjust (6)
5. Complete with food for the road (12)
6. Possibly re-unite a train (7)
7. Point the seat-out (4)
8. Gate-crasher (9-3)
12. It's lovely wandering abroad with the French (8)
14. Disease one itches strongly to have! (7)
16. His aim is to reduce the opposition one by one (6)
18. Guarantee a number will get over a painful sound (5)
19. Grave outcome of the atom bomb (4)

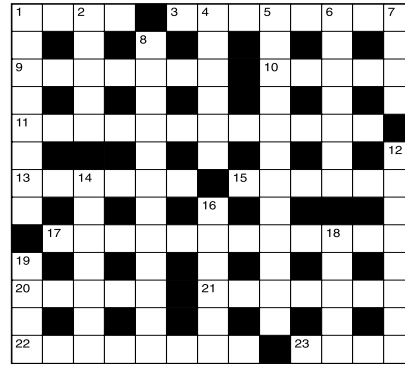
## Quick Clues:

## Across

1. Compassion (4)
3. Tranquil (8)
9. Be a glutton (7)
10. Cherish (5)
11. Absurd (12)
13. Advent (6)
15. Beset (6)
17. Miraculous (12)
20. Throbbing (5)
21. Sincere (7)
22. Godliness (8)
23. Given new colour (4)

## Down

1. Outlook (8)
2. Subject for discussion (5)
4. Property (6)
5. Promoting the same end (12)
6. Luck (7)
7. Ogle (4)
8. Public accusation (12)
12. Solitary (8)
14. Sickly-sentimental (7)
16. Purpose (6)
18. Emitting fumes (5)
19. Work (4)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

CRYPTIC - Across: 6 Fall out; 7 Wheat; 9 Flour; 10 Sea mist; 12 Sharp answer; 14 Man in charge; 18 Proffer; 19 Moths; 21 Nears; 22 Tomado. Down: 1 Early; 2 Plough; 3 Cue; 4 Rhymes; 5 Oarsmen; 8 Get-away; 11 Proceed; 13 Hairnet; 15 Infirm; 16 Ground; 17 Shade; 20 Cow. QUICK - Across: 6 Compare; 7 Mummy; 9 Rapid; 10 Complex; 12 Retribution; 14 Consequence; 18 Alleges; 19 Under; 21 Irate; 22 Release. Down: 1 Total; 2 Sprite; 3 Arc; 4 Pulpit; 5 Emperor; 8 Cobbler; 11 Croquet; 13 Forlorn; 15 Sheath; 16 Cancel; 17 Lease; 20 Fee.

## Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS &gt;

7	1	3	5	2	4	6	8	9
2	8	1	3	6	7	4	5	9
6	4	5	9	7	8	1	2	3
1	7	9	2	8	5	3	6	4
5	3	4	6	1	7	8	9	2
8	2	6	3	4	9	5	7	1
3	6	2	8	9	1	4	5	7
4	5	1	7	6	2	9	3	8
9	6	7	4	5	3	2	1	8

## Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is N. Iannucci, Milligan, Connolly, all British comedians.



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## Family home for sale in Bloxwich

A deceptively spacious modern detached house is now on the market with Marrior & Co. Estate agent who is marketing 3 Bealeys Close in Bloxwich for offers in the region of £284,950.

The house forms part of a development of executive style detached houses forming a quiet cul-de-sac at the head of the Lane with convenient access to the nearby King George V Memorial playing fields and is also within walking distance of Bloxwich High Street.

On the ground floor, a canopy porch with double-glazed entrance door and side panel opens into the spacious entrance hall with guest WC, stairs to the first floor, oak strip flooring and doors to the ground floor accommodation.

The spacious lounge to the front has a feature adam-style fireplace with raised marble hearth and inset real

flame-effect gas fire, there is also a walk-in upvc double-glazed bay window, double panel radiator, coved ceiling and interconnecting doors to the rear dining room.

This rooms' dimensions are 12ft x 11ft 3in and includes a coved ceiling, single panel radiator and patio door to the rear garden.

### Cupboards

In the comprehensively equipped kitchen, measuring 14ft 2in x 8ft 2in, is a range of wall and floor cupboards, worksurfaces, a one-and-a-half bowl single drainer stainless steel sink unit with mixer tap and integrated appliances including a four-ring gas hob, electric oven with cooker hood, dishwasher, microwave, fridge and freezer units.

An archway leads to the utility area which measures 4ft 9in x 4ft 9in where there is a further single drainer stainless steel sink unit, integrated washing machine and door to the entrance.

On the first floor L-shaped landing area, there is access to the insulated

loft space, airing cupboard and doors radiate to the bedrooms and family bathroom.

The main bedroom measures 13ft 9in x 13ft 2in and has a bay window to the front aspect, single panel radiator, a built-in range of wardrobes and access to an en suite shower room where the white suite comprises a two-person shower with glazed screen.

The fourth bedroom is also located to the front of the house and measures 9ft 2in x 8ft 2in.

To the rear of the house are the second and third bedrooms which share a Jack and Jill shower room.

Fitted with a four-piece suite, the family bathroom includes a panel bath with shower attachment, pedestal wash basin, bidet and low-level WC.

Outside, there is an integral garage measuring 19ft x 7ft 6in with an up-and-over door. The asphalt driveway has parking for up to four vehicles and a side-gated trades entrance leads to the landscaped part-lawned and paved rear garden.

For further information call Marrior & Co. on 01922 404446.



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#### Bealeys Lane

- Bloxwich**
- Four Bedroom Detached
  - En-Suite
  - Family Bathroom
  - Open Plan Concept
  - Fitted Kitchen
  - Utility
  - No Upward Chain

Offers in the Region of £285,000



#### Stoney Lane

- Bloxwich**
- Four Bed Detached
  - Two Reception rooms
  - Fitted Kitchen/Utility
  - Downstairs Shower Room
  - Master Bedroom with En-suite
  - Large Driveway
  - Garage
  - Landscaped Rear Garden

Offers in excess of £225,000



#### Albany Grove

- Essington**
- Four Bedroom Detached
  - Two Reception Rooms
  - Extended Kitchen
  - Conservatory
  - Family Bathroom
  - Front & Rear Gardens
  - Carport & Garage
  - Driveway
  - Viewing Essential

Offers in excess of £205,000



#### Sandbank

- Bloxwich**
- Four Bedroom Semi-Detached
  - Two Reception Rooms
  - Fitted Kitchen
  - Utility Room
  - Downstairs W.C.
  - Family Bathroom
  - En-Suite
  - Period Features
  - Off Road Parking

In the Region of £199,950



#### Victoria Avenue

- Bloxwich**
- Newly built Three Bedroom Semi-Detached House
  - Fitted Kitchen including appliances
  - Block Paved Driveway and Integral Garage
  - Master Bedroom with En-Suite
  - Family Bathroom
  - Large Rear Garden
  - Block Paved Driveway and Integral Garage

In the Region of £179,950



#### Old Hall Court

- Aldridge**
- Farmhouse courtyard location
  - Two Bedrooms
  - Two Bathrooms, Exposed Beams
  - Views over open countryside
  - Electric security entry gate
  - Gas central heating
  - Double glazing
  - Feature stone fireplace
  - Master bedroom with En-suite shower room

In the Region of £174,950



#### Stoney Lane

- Bloxwich**
- Three Bedroom Semi
  - Lounge/Dining Room
  - Utility Room
  - Cloakroom
  - Conservatory
  - Shower Room
  - Front & Rear Gardens
  - Garage

Offers in excess of £165,000



#### Revival Street

- Bloxwich**
- Three Bedroom Detached
  - Lounge
  - Kitchen
  - Family Bathroom
  - En-Suite
  - Cloakroom W.C.
  - Front & Rear Gardens
  - Garage
  - Driveway
  - Viewing Essential

In the Region of £164,950



#### Mill Lane

- Willenhall**
- Three Bedroom Detached
  - Lounge/Diner
  - Conservatory
  - Fitted Kitchen
  - Family Bathroom
  - Separate building housing Utility
  - NO UPWARD CHAIN

In the Region of £159,950



#### Bloxwich Road

- Walsall**
- Four Bedroom End-Terrace
  - Through Lounge
  - Dining Room
  - Kitchen
  - Family Bathroom
  - Rear Garden
  - Off Road Parking
  - NO CHAIN

In the Region of £155,500



#### Buttermere Grove

- Willenhall**
- Three Bedroom Terrace
  - Modernised Throughout
  - Through Lounge
  - Re-Fitted Kitchen & Bathrooms
  - Conservatory
  - Integral Garage
  - Off Road Parking
  - Popular Copcice Farm Estate

In the Region of £149,950



#### Windrush Close

- Pelsall**
- Three Storey Three Bed Town House
  - Fitted Kitchen
  - Lounge/Diner
  - En-Suite
  - Separate Garage
  - Allocated parking
  - Enclosed Rear Garden

In the Region of £147,950



#### Heather Road

- Bloxwich**
- Four Bedroom Semi
  - Open Plan Lounge
  - Play Room/Study
  - Conservatory
  - Utility with downstairs W.C.
  - Block Paved Driveway
  - Rear Garden with sunroom
  - D.Glazing & C.Heating
  - No Upward Chain

In the Region of £139,950



#### Revival Street

- Bloxwich**
- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
  - Lounge
  - Kitchen
  - Cloakroom W.C.
  - Family Bathroom
  - Front & Rear Gardens
  - Garage
  - Driveway

Offers in the Region of £139,950



#### Field Road

- Bloxwich**
- Three Bedroom Mid Terrace
  - New Build 10 year warranty
  - Fitted Kitchen
  - Downstairs W.C.
  - En-Suite
  - Bathroom
  - Integral Garage
  - Rear Garden

In the Region of £129,950



#### Clockmill Mill

- Pelsall**
- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
  - Lounge/Diner
  - Front & Rear Gardens
  - Gas Central Heating
  - Double Glazing

£124,950



#### Cypress Road

- Walsall**
- Three Bedroom Terrace
  - Through Lounge
  - Fitted Kitchen
  - Utility
  - Downstairs W.C.
  - Bathroom
  - Block Paved Driveway
  - Integral Garage
  - Off Road Parking
  - Gas Central Heating
  - NO CHAIN

In the Region of £119,950



#### Field Road

- Bloxwich**
- Two Bedroom House
  - New Build 10 year warranty
  - Lounge/Diner
  - Fitted Kitchen with Integrated Appliances
  - Downstairs W.C.
  - Rear Garden
  - Parking to Front

In the Region of £109,950



#### Windrush Close

- Pelsall**
- Two Bedroom Apartment
  - Lounge
  - Kitchen
  - Bathroom
  - Communal Grounds
  - Allocated Parking
  - Popular Location
  - NO CHAIN

In the Region of £104,950



#### Buxton Close

- Bloxwich**
- Three Bedrooms
  - Kitchen/Diner
  - Double Glazing
  - Gas Central Heating
  - Conservatory
  - Front & Rear Gardens

Offers in Excess of £100,000



#### Dartmouth Close

- Walsall**
- Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
  - Two Reception Rooms
  - Separate W.C.
  - Detached Garage to Rear
  - Front & Rear Gardens
  - NO CHAIN

In the Region of £97,500



#### Bloxwich Road

- Walsall**
- Three Bed Terrace
  - Through Lounge
  - Kitchen
  - Family Bathroom
  - Rear Garden

In the Region of £89,950



#### Lancaster Place

- Bloxwich**
- Two bedroom End of Terrace
  - Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location
  - Majority Double Glazing
  - Gas Central Heating
  - Front Off Road Parking
  - NO UPWARD CHAIN

In the Region of £87,500



#### Blakenall Lane

- Bloxwich**
- Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
  - Two Reception Rooms
  - Fitted Kitchen
  - Ground Floor Bathroom
  - Three Bedrooms
  - Front & Rear Gardens
  - NO CHAIN

In the Region of £89,950



#### Lichfield Road

- Rushall**
- Two Bedrooms
  - Lounge
  - Kitchen with appliances
  - Family Bathroom
  - Off Road Parking
  - Communal Gardens

In the Region of £75,000



#### Station Street

- Bloxwich**
- Two Bedrooms
  - Lounge
  - Kitchen
  - Bathroom
  - Entrance Hall
  - Secure Entrance
  - Allocated Parking
  - Communal Gardens
  - NO UPWARD CHAIN

In the Region of £68,000



#### Beatrice Street

- Bloxwich**
- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
  - Two Reception Rooms
  - Kitchen
  - Cloakroom W.C.
  - Front & Rear Gardens
  - Double Glazing

£74,950



#### Buxton Road

- Bloxwich**
- Two Bedroom Ground Floor Flat
  - Lounge
  - Fitted Kitchen
  - Shower Room
  - Electric Storage Heating
  - Double Glazing
  - Communal Grounds

In the Region of £63,950



#### Rockingham Close

- Bloxwich**
- First Floor Flat
  - Two Bedrooms
  - One Reception room
  - Double Glazing & Central Heating
  - Shower over bath
  - Allocated Off Road Parking in Courtyard
  - Close to Bloxwich Town Centre
  - No Upward Chain

In the Region of £60,000

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### ESSINGTON HOUGH WAY

- \* Spacious modern detached family residence
- \* Popular Edingburgh village location \* Four bedrooms
- \* Two en suite shower rooms
- \* Gas central heating

**£289,950 OFFERS**



### WILLENHALL WILLIAMS CLOSE

- \* UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Spacious fitted dining kitchen, laundry area with a range of appliances
- \* Two floor master bedrooms with fitted wardrobes
- \* Garage and ample off road parking

**£289,950 OFFERS**



### WILLENHALL THRESHERS DRIVE

- \* Smart refitted three bedroom end town house
- \* Much improved accommodation
- \* Three bedrooms \* Gas CH \* UPVC DG

- \* UPVC double glazed conservatory
- \* 18ft refitted dining kitchen
- \* Garage and driveway

**£108,500 NO CHAIN**



### NEW INVENTION GLAMIS ROAD

- \* Spacious modern style detached property
- \* Popular location Three bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Ground floor dining room and kitchen extension
- \* UPVC double glazed conservatory
- \* Stable 20ft garage with driveway to the rear
- \* Concrete area outside with open space

**£174,950 OFFERS**



### WILLENHALL RAVENS CROFT ROAD

- \* Spectacularly appointed, characterised by original style detached property
- \* Three bedrooms and lift room
- \* Gas CH UPVC DG windows
- \* Spacious 20ft extended fitted dining kitchen
- \* Large bathroom with shower
- \* Large garden with lawn and patio
- \* A lovely family home, extensively modernised to a high standard by the present owners

**£247,500 VIEWING ESSENTIAL**



### WILLENHALL WILLIAMS CLOSE

- \* Delightfully situated extended semi-detached property
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* Part double glazing
- \* 17ft extended lounge
- \* Fitted dining kitchen, oven and hob
- \* Extended side hall and study
- \* Conservatory
- \* Black paved driveway

**£144,950 OFFERS, VIEWING RECOMMENDED**



### WILLENHALL FARBROOK WAY, SUMMER HAYES

- \* Corner style link detached property
- \* Excellent location get back behind deep bore garden
- \* Two bedrooms with potential to add more (subject to planning regs)
- \* Gas CH \* Utility room (downstairs) w.c.

- \* 29ft garage and parking for several vehicles
- \* Pleasant established rear garden
- \* Modernisation required, excellent potential to improve

**Was £159,950 Now £149,950 NO CHAIN**



### WILLENHALL FARMHOUSE ROAD, CORNER BENTLEY LANE

- \* Spacious modern style detached property
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Water feature with waterfall
- \* Ground floor dining room and kitchen extension
- \* UPVC double glazed conservatory
- \* Stable 20ft garage with driveway to the rear
- \* Concrete area outside with open space

**£175,000 NO CHAIN**



### WILLENHALL BENTLEY LANE

- \* Deeply spacious detached family residence
- \* Prime central location
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Spacious 18ft long dining room
- \* Well equipped fitted kitchen
- \* Bath and 10ft bathroom with separate shower
- \* Stable garage and ample off road parking
- \* Gas central heating, UPVC double glazed windows (except garage)

**£169,950 OFFERS, NO CHAIN**

**WANTED**  
Mrs & Mrs O are sold subject to contract and are looking for a four bedroom detached property in Coppice Farm Estate



### SHORT HEATH RIDING WAY

- \* Pleasant three bedroom area
- \* Gas central heating
- \* UPVC double glazing
- \* 29ft garage with utility
- \* Refitted shower room
- \* Fitted kitchen
- \* Off road parking
- \* No chain

**£139,950 VIEWING RECOMMENDED**

**WANTED**  
Mr & Mrs S want a four bedroom detached property up to £250,000 in Coppice Farm and are sold subject to contract.



### WEDNESFIELD TEASEL ROAD

- \* Modern linked detached property
- \* Much sought after location
- \* Three bedrooms, master with built-in wardrobe
- \* Fitted dining kitchen
- \* Lounge with feature fireplace
- \* Double glazed windows and gas central heating
- \* Garage and off road parking
- \* Enclosed rear garden

**Was £159,950 Now £124,950**



### WILLENHALL SANDBEDS ROAD

- \* Beautifully presented traditional style detached bungalow
- \* Spacious extended character accommodation
- \* Two bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* UPVC double glazed conservatory
- \* Large established rear garden
- \* Ample off road parking and garage
- \* No chain - viewing essential

**£189,950**



### NEW INVENTION, WILLENHALL LICHFIELD ROAD

- \* Delightful extended detached bungalow
- \* Two bedrooms
- \* Two reception rooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* UPVC double glazing
- \* Extended kitchen and dining room
- \* Garage and carport
- \* Pleasant gardens

**£199,950**



### WILLENHALL TILDESLEY DRIVE

- \* Pleasantly appointed improved end town house in popular location
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating, UPVC
- \* Double glazed windows
- \* Spacious 19ft through lounge
- \* Garage and driveway to the rear
- \* Generous rear garden
- \* Internal viewing essential

**£124,950 OFFERS, NO CHAIN**



### BENTLEY, WALSALL ATTLE ROAD

- \* Superior four bedroom extended semi
- \* Gas central heating
- \* Part UPVC double glazed
- \* Black paved driveway
- \* 19ft through lounge
- \* Ground floor bedroom with guest WC
- \* Fitted kitchen and side lobby
- \* Pleasant rear garden

**£129,950 OFFERS, VIEWING ESSENTIAL**



### SHORT HEATH WOODSIDE WAY

- \* Pleasantly appointed semi in popular Woodside development
- \* No bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating, UPVC double glazing
- \* Fitted kitchen, oven, hob and island
- \* Fitted bathroom with white suite
- \* Rear garden with wooden fence
- \* Gas central heating
- \* Black paved driveway
- \* Viewing essential

**Was £129,995 NOW £124,995**



### OXLEY WOLVERHAMPTON MARKLIN AVE

- \* Pleasantly appointed detached link detached bungalow
- \* Quiet cul-de-sac location on corner plot
- \* Two bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* Double glazing & storage heating
- \* Sun room
- \* Large established rear garden, garage & off road parking
- \* No chain - viewing essential

**£164,950 OFFERS**

**WANTED**  
Mr & Mrs B would like a three bedroom property up to £80,000 in Willenhall or Pool Hayes area, they are able to proceed immediately.



### SHORT HEATH POOLES LANE

- \* Deeply spacious extended traditional style detached bungalow
- \* Gas central heating, UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Spacious 19ft through lounge
- \* Ground floor bedroom with guest WC
- \* Fitted kitchen and side lobby
- \* Pleasant rear garden

**£199,950**



### BENTLEY MORRIS AVENUE

- \* Spacious traditional style semi
- \* Pleasantly appointed accommodation
- \* Three bedrooms \* Gas central heating
- \* UPVC single glazing
- \* Fitted bathroom with Jacuzzi roll top bath
- \* Fitted breakfast kitchen inc oven and hob
- \* Black paved driveway

**Was £119,995 NOW £115,995**



### WILLENHALL BRUNSELL CLOSE

- \* Pleasant first floor maisonette in convenient location
- \* Two bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* UPVC double glazing
- \* Fitted bathroom with white suite and shower
- \* Internal viewing recommended
- \* Ideal first time buy or buy to let

**£67,950 OFFERS**



### SUMMER HAYES EDINBURGH DRIVE

- \* Considerably improved style detached bungalow
- \* Quiet cul-de-sac location on corner plot
- \* Two bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* External UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Lounge and dining/living room
- \* Garage and off road parking
- \* Pleasant rear garden

**£147,500 Offers - Viewing essential**



### WILLENHALL SHERLOCK CLOSE, OFF STROUD AVENUE

- \* Pleasant town house style property in popular location
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Part double glazed windows
- \* Gas warm air central heating
- \* Fitted dining kitchen
- \* Upstairs bathroom with shower
- \* No related chain
- \* Internal viewing recommended

**£89,950 OFFERS**



### WILLENHALL NEWLANDS CLOSE

- \* Pleasant first floor maisonette
- \* Popular and convenient location
- \* Gas central heating, UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Cull-de-sac position
- \* Two bedrooms
- \* UPVC DG windows
- \* 13ft rear lounge
- \* Bathroom with shower
- \* Garage in block to the rear side

**£74,950 OFFERS, NO CHAIN**



### WILLENHALL MARLOWE DRIVE

- \* Beautifully presented one bedroom ground floor flat
- \* Refitted kitchen with integrated oven, hob & extractor
- \* Refitted bathroom with full shower
- \* Gas central heating
- \* UPVC double glazing
- \* Enclosed rear garden

**Was £84,995 Now £82,500**



### WILLENHALL BRUNSELL CLOSE

- \* Pleasant first floor maisonette in convenient location
- \* Two bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* UPVC double glazing
- \* Fitted bathroom with white suite and shower
- \* Internal viewing recommended
- \* Ideal first time buy or buy to let

**£67,950 OFFERS**



### WILLENHALL MOSELEY ROAD

- \* Pleasant improved traditional style detached bungalow
- \* Spacious refitted dining kitchen
- \* Upstairs bathroom with corner bath
- \* Both and separate shower cubicle
- \* Lift room with lift ladder
- \* Garage and off road parking
- \* Majority UPVC double glazing
- \* Gas central heating
- \* Pleasant rear garden

**£124,950 OFFERS**



### NEW INVENTION FLETCHER CLOSE

- \* Pleasant semi detached property
- \* Two bedrooms
- \* External double glazed windows
- \* Gas central heating
- \* Lounge and separate dining room
- \* Side entry with store room/potential utility room
- \* Black paved driveway
- \* No related chain

**£97,500 OFFERS**



### WILLENHALL CHESTER CLOSE

- \* Traditional style bay fronted semi
- \* Cal-de-sac position
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Two reception rooms
- \* Large rear garden
- \* Off road parking
- \* In need of modernisation
- \* Excellent potential to improve

**£89,950 OFFERS NO CHAIN**



### WILLENHALL RAVENS CROFT ROAD

- \* Spacious first floor flat in popular location
- \* Pleasantly appointed throughout
- \* Two bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Refitted kitchen with appliances
- \* Fitted bathroom with white suite and shower
- \* Internal viewing recommended

**£76,995 OFFERS**



### WILLENHALL NOOSE LANE

- \* Three bedroom end town house style property
- \* Gas warm air central heating
- \* Refitted kitchen
- \* UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Lounge and dining kitchen
- \* Downstairs WC
- \* Internal viewing recommended
- \* Ideal first time buy or buy to let

**£79,950 No Chain**





**COPPICE FARM, WILLENHALL**  
**GOREY CLOSE**

- \* Pleasantly appointed modern style semi
- \* Two bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* uPVC double glazed windows
- \* £119,995
- \* Upstairs bathroom with shower
- \* Driveway providing off road parking
- \* Ideal first time purchase
- \* No related chain



**WILLENHALL**  
**NEVUS GROVE, COPPICE FARM**

- \* Pleasant modern style semi-detached property
- \* Two bedrooms, both with fitted wardrobes
- \* Gas central heating
- \* uPVC double glazed windows
- \* £125,000 NO CHAIN
- \* Spacious 14ft front lounge
- \* Fitted bathroom with shower
- \* Pleasant rear garden
- \* Garage and ample parking



**WILLENHALL**  
**SUMMER HAYES**  
**PERTH ROAD**

- \* Deceptively spacious dormer style semi
- \* Gas central heating, uPVC double glazed windows
- \* Refitted kitchen and bathroom
- \* Utility room/downtairs wc
- \* uPVC DG windows
- \* Four/five bedrooms
- \* Two three reception rooms
- \* £174,950 NOW £169,950
- \* 18ft through lounge with feature fireplace
- \* Upstairs bathroom with separate wc
- \* uPVC DG windows
- \* Gas CH
- \* Pleasant rear garden
- \* Viewing essential



**COPPICE FARM ESTATE**  
**LONG MYND CLOSE**

- \* Splendidly appointed detached property
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* En suite shower room
- \* uPVC double glazed conservatory
- \* £173,000
- \* Gas central heating, uPVC double glazed windows
- \* uPVC double glazed conservatory
- \* Garage and off road parking



**WILLENHALL**  
**PEACH ROAD**

- \* Pleasant extended semi detached property
- \* Camp side patio area
- \* Two bedrooms
- \* Lounge
- \* Dining room
- \* £130,000 STAMP DUTY PAID
- \* Kitchen and utility
- \* Gas central heating and double glazing
- \* Garage and off road parking
- \* Viewing essential



**WEDNESFIELD**  
**LONGMORE CLOSE, OFF BROAD LANE SOUTH**

- \* Superbly appointed modern detached residence
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Two reception rooms
- \* uPVC double glazed conservatory
- \* 16ft through lounge
- \* £210,000 NOW £199,950 OFFERS, VIEWING ESSENTIAL
- \* Fitted kitchen inc oven, hob & refrigerator
- \* Downstairs guest cloakroom
- \* Gas central heating, uPVC double glazed windows



**NEW INVENTION**  
**BRERETON ROAD**

- \* Traditional style and town house in popular location
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* uPVC double glazed windows
- \* 19ft through lounge
- \* £94,950 OFFERS NO CHAIN
- \* dining room
- \* Fitted kitchen inc oven, hob, microwave and washing machine
- \* Ideal first time purchase

## WANTED

Miss K wants a two or three bedroom property in Bentley area, must have a driveway. She is a first time buyer with a price guide up to £100,000.



**WILLENHALL**  
**TEMPLE ROAD**

- \* Pleasantly appointed semi detached property
- \* uPVC DG windows
- \* uPVC DG windows
- \* uPVC DG windows
- \* £89,995
- \* 18ft through lounge with feature fireplace
- \* Upstairs bathroom with separate wc
- \* uPVC DG windows
- \* Gas CH
- \* Pleasant rear garden
- \* Viewing essential

## WANTED

Mrs N is looking for a three bedroom property in New Invention/Short Heath area up to £110,000 and she is sold subject to contract.



**WEDNESFIELD**  
**BLUEBELL CRESCENT**

- \* Pleasant modern style detached property
- \* Quiet cul-de-sac location
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Master with en-suite
- \* £167,500 OFFERS
- \* uPVC D/G conservatory
- \* Gas central heating and double glazing
- \* Low maintenance rear garden
- \* Garage and off road parking



**WILLENHALL**  
**STONEHOUSE AVENUE**

- \* Splendidly appointed three bedroom link detached property
- \* Two reception rooms
- \* Superb uPVC double glazed conservatory
- \* Fitted kitchen inc oven and hob
- \* £164,950 OFFERS
- \* Garage and block paved driveway
- \* Gas central heating
- \* uPVC double glazed windows
- \* Viewing essential



**DARLASTON**  
**HEATHFIELD LANE**

- \* Pleasantly appointed and town house style property
- \* Ideal for the young family
- \* uPVC DG windows
- \* Gas CH
- \* £112,500
- \* 18ft through lounge with feature fireplace
- \* Upstairs bathroom with separate wc
- \* uPVC DG windows
- \* Gas CH
- \* Pleasant rear garden
- \* Viewing essential



**ESSINGTON**  
**FORREST AVENUE**

- \* Pleasantly appointed three bedrooms semi
- \* Popular Essington village location
- \* Gas c/heating
- \* D/glazing
- \* £154,995 OFFERS
- \* Refitted dining kitchen inc appliances
- \* Garage and concrete-print driveway
- \* Upstairs bathroom
- \* Viewing essential



**WILLENHALL**  
**VAUGHAN ROAD**

- \* Much improved town house style property
- \* Two bedrooms
- \* Superb upvc double glazed conservatory
- \* Was £109,950 Now Offers in Excess of £99,950
- \* Refitted kitchen and bathroom
- \* Gas CH
- \* uPVC DG windows
- \* Black paved driveway
- \* Viewing essential



**WANTED**  
Mr & Mrs H want a two or three bedroom bungalow, price guide up to £250,000 in Willenhall or Essington area.



**SHORT HEATH, WILLENHALL**  
**WALKERS FOLD**

- \* Much improved modern style and town house
- \* Popular location
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Refitted kitchen
- \* Refitted bathroom
- \* £119,995
- \* Superb uPVC double glazed conservatory
- \* Cul-de-sac position
- \* Viewing essential



**BENTLEY, WALSALL**  
**HAWTHORN PLACE**

- \* Pleasantly appointed double fronted semi detached property
- \* Two bedrooms
- \* Two reception rooms
- \* £99,950 IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE
- \* Fitted kitchen inc oven and hob
- \* 16ft through lounge
- \* Generous rear garden
- \* Gas central heating
- \* uPVC double glazed windows



**WILLENHALL**  
**ERNEST CLARK CLOSE, OFF STROUD AVENUE**

- \* Pleasant town house style property
- \* Ideal for first time buyers or a young family
- \* uPVC double glazed windows
- \* Gas CH
- \* uPVC DG windows
- \* £89,950 OFFERS NO CHAIN
- \* uPVC double glazed windows
- \* Gas CH
- \* uPVC DG windows
- \* No related chain



**NEW INVENTION**  
**HIGHGROVE CLOSE**

- \* Four bed detached property
- \* Double glazing and central heating
- \* Two reception rooms
- \* Kitchen with oven and
- \* £615 PCM
- \* Separate dining room
- \* Bathroom with shower
- \* Enclosed rear garden
- \* Off road parking and garage
- \* Quiet cul-de-sac location



**NEW INVENTION**  
**BALMORAL DRIVE**

- \* Semi detached property in popular location
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Two reception rooms
- \* Gas central heating & double glazing
- \* First floor bathroom
- \* £550 PCM
- \* Fitted kitchen
- \* Off road parking
- \* The property is currently undergoing alterations
- \* Available mid april



**NEW INVENTION**  
**BRERETON ROAD**

- \* Pleasantly appointed semi detached property
- \* Two bedrooms
- \* Majority double glazing
- \* Fitted kitchen with oven
- \* £475 PCM
- \* Refitted bathroom with shower over bath
- \* Gas central heating
- \* Garage & off road parking



**WILLENHALL**  
**ASHMORE LAKE ROAD**

- \* Pleasantly appointed terrace style property
- \* Two bedrooms
- \* Two reception rooms
- \* Upstairs bathroom with shower
- \* £79,950
- \* Fitted kitchen inc oven and hob
- \* 16ft through lounge
- \* Parking to the rear
- \* Gas CH
- \* uPVC DG windows



**SHORT HEATH**  
**PIMBURY ROAD**

- \* Pleasantly appointed traditional style semi
- \* uPVC double glazed conservatory
- \* £75,000 CASH OFFERS ONLY
- \* Two bedrooms
- \* Back garden driveway
- \* Carpet
- \* No related chain



**WEDNESFIELD**  
**WODEN CRESCENT**

- \* Pleasant semi-detached in quiet cul de sac
- \* Two bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating and double glazing
- \* Lounge with feature fireplace
- \* £475 PCM
- \* Dining kitchen and downstairs wc
- \* Bathroom with white suite and shower over bath
- \* Refitted rear garden
- \* Off road parking



**WILLENHALL**  
**BIRCH COPPICE GARDENS**

- \* First floor maisonette
- \* One bedroom
- \* Kitchen with cooker
- \* Bathroom with
- \* £325 PCM
- \* shower
- \* uPVC double glazing
- \* Unfurnished



**WILLENHALL**  
**BOW STREET**

- \* Two bed terrace property
- \* Newly refurbished
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Edwards Moore estate agent is marketing 68 Birmingham Road in Walsall for offers in the region of £375,000.

The current owners have carried extensive works on the house and replaced plumbing and electrics, refurbished the hallway parquet flooring and the stained glass window in the hallway casts colourful shadows on the hallway, stairs and landing area when the sun shines through.

The house is set back from the road with an elevated position and driveway with ample parking while to the rear is a well-maintained garden with patio which is all enclosed by fencing and trees creating a very private aspect.

Entrance is through the spacious reception hall with parquet

flooring, understairs cupboard and stairs to the first floor.

The sitting room measures 17ft 11in x 13ft 8in and has a flame-effect gas fireplace, large bay window to the front and exposed wood flooring while the formal lounge, which measures 21ft 4in x 15ft includes another feature fireplace with wood burning stove, deep moulded cornice and surround.

Patio doors open from the dining room to the garden with another focal fireplace. This room measures 15ft 11in x 13ft.

### Terrace

The kitchen's dimensions are 13ft 5in x 10ft 11in, offering a spacious area with access through double-glazed patio doors to the garden terrace.

There is an extensive range of white floor and wall cupboards, a range cooker, double Belfast sink with drainer and mixer tap, built in fridge/freezer and dishwasher and a door off to an inner lobby, utility and guest WC. From the gallery-style landing, doors lead to the four bedrooms and the re-fitted bathroom.

The master bedroom measures 17ft 5in x 12ft 11in and overlooks the front aspect through a double-glazed window.

The pine flooring has been striped and an extensive range of wardrobes has also been fitted. The other three bedrooms also include double-glazed windows, central heating radiators, power points and ceiling light points.

Bedrooms three and four also include further wardrobes.

With a suite comprising a free-standing bath, the bathroom has been re-fitted to include part-tiled walls, a central heating radiator and a white suite with low-level WC, wash basin, shower fitting and power shower, ladder-style wall mounted towel rail, extractor and ceiling light point.

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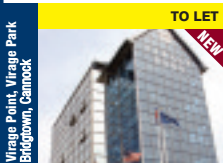
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- Three bedrooms
- Refurbished
- Gas fired central heating
- Double glazing
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Off road parking

REDUCED TO OFFERS £79,950



COBDEN STREET, DARLASTON

- Spacious Mid Terraced House
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Basement Cellar
- In need of Refurbishment

OFFERS INVITED



BROOK LANE, WALSALL

- ★ Three Bed Detached
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- ★ Bathroom & En-suite
- ★ Fitted Kitchen
- ★ GCH ★ UPVC DG
- ★ Garage & Gardens

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WESTBOURNE ROAD, WALSALL

- ★ 3 Bedroom Terrace
- ★ Lounge/dining room
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- ★ Double Glazing, GCH

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- ★ Bathroom
- ★ Fitted kitchen
- ★ Double glazing
- ★ Storage heating
- ★ Parking space

£370pcm



SLANEY ROAD, WALSALL

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Wednesbury  
Darby Road

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WEDNESBURY  
HOLLY ROAD

This traditional style two bedroom semi detached property is situated in a popular cul de sac off Woden Road North and is offered for sale with no upward chain. Thought ideal for

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Darlaston  
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A very well presented TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED residence on a larger than average plot, offering potential for further extension subject to necessary planning consent. The property is considered ideal for a first time buyer and having very access

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### NEW



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### NEW



A three bedroom semi detached family home having the benefit of no upward chain, UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. The property briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, dining room, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom with shower, front and rear gardens, off road parking for several vehicles and separate garage. VIRTUAL TOUR ON OUR WEBSITE.  
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### NEW



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### REDUCED



• A Period 3 Bedroom Butt Detached Home  
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 • No Upward Chain  
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Well presented middle terrace residence which benefits from UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. Briefly comprising porch, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, conservatory, utility room, bathroom with shower, 3 bedrooms, front and rear gardens. **OFFERS AROUND: £99,950**  
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### REDUCED



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### REDUCED



A three bedroom middle terrace family home having the benefit of no upward chain, two reception rooms, gas central heating and UPVC double glazing. This ideal first time purchase property comprises, lounge with feature fireplace, dining room with feature fireplace, fitted kitchen, utility room, bathroom with shower, 3 bedrooms, front and rear gardens. **OFFERS AROUND: £77,950**  
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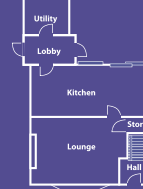
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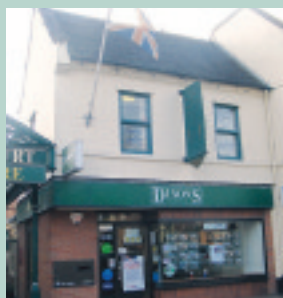


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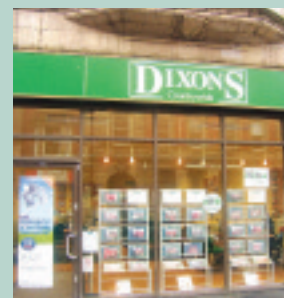


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# How to move people in comfort

**I**N THE RECENT past there has been a plethora of people carriers of all different shapes and sizes, many of them memorable for very little.

The Peugeot 3008 crossover that I tested is memorable. The reason? It is one of the most comfortable cars that I have ever driven.

There are cars which cost three times as much as the 3008 that would struggle to meet the ride quality and comfort that this car possesses.

So how have they managed this little miracle? Starting with the outside, the lines of the body take their cues from the rest of the Peugeot range with the distinctive front grille and make for an efficient shape. The front lights are

By Sharon Walters

embedded into the sides of the wings and add to the overall smooth feel of the bodylines.

At the rear the door opens on the back in a clamshell fashion so you have a useful shelf on which you can lift things before sliding them in to the large boot space. There is a split shelf in the boot so you can put fragile items in the bottom and bulky ones on the top.

On the inside is a well finished leather interior. The seats are extremely comfortable and the front ones are fully adjustable.

The switchgear on the dashboard is reminiscent of the old sports cars with the modern equivalent of toggle switches laid out in a line.

They are easy to use and you don't need to read a full manual before you can operate them with confidence.



By the side of the gear lever is a rotary switch, again laid out very clearly, that lets you engage the myriad of options for traction control and ESP.

The dashboard comes in for particular praise. Not only is it very well laid out, with all the relevant information to hand, it is very easy to read in bright sunlight and has just the right contrast so that it does not interfere with your vision when travelling at night.

The engine is a 1600cc petrol unit which, coupled to a six-speed manual gearbox, (an automatic is an option), is perfectly matched for the size of the car. It provided a great balance of power and well-spaced gears.

On the open road the steering is light but provides enough feedback so that you can feel exactly what is happening to the road surface.

The body roll is also fairly minimal as the suspension provides a firm, yet never intrusive, ride quality that never changes from motorway driving to country lanes. This results in a drive quality that provides a great balance between being over firm or over soft.

The Peugeot engineers have done a great job. This is the best part of the package and allows



A shelf in the capacious boot makes loading easy



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An efficient shape features the distinctive Peugeot grille

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# Porsche brings its classic up to speed

CARLY SIMON sang about a certain agent in Nobody Does It Better, but she might as well have been paying homage to Porsche and its 911.

Not only has it largely set the benchmark for a sports coupe, it has been tweaked and teased to create a number of versions from the very fast to the devastatingly rapid.

If you have around £90,000 to spend on a new sports car, keeping the 911 off the shortlist is an impossible task. It's just been made even more impossible thanks to the engineers at Weissach. There used to be a jump from the not Carrera S to the hardcore GT3, but the gap has been neatly filled by the GTS.

Like the best 911s its purpose is to offer the biggest thrills possible without a teeth-rattling ride or giving up the ease of use that makes it a genuine everyday proposition. Spotting a GTS won't be difficult. The black-finished alloy wheels will give it away, standard on the GTS and an option elsewhere.

It's an unusual touch but pleasing, with a classic body colour such as white or red.

The GTS has the wider body that appears on the Carrera 4. It gives a

wider stance, more presence and provides a wider track, planting the GTS more firmly on the road.

The Sports Design bodykit entails spoilers front and rear plus side skirts finished in black.

Colour choice is more important than on most 911s, but whatever you choose, the GTS is still a stunning and distinctive machine.

## Mighty

Porsche isn't the kind of manufacturer to just have visual changes, so the tweaks underneath are more interesting.

The divine 3.8-litre flat six under the rear lid has been bumped up to a mighty 402bhp, with changes to the intake system liberating extra torque at low revs.

That's matched to one of the best six-speed manual gearboxes in the business or the dual-clutch PDK seven-speed.

Go for the latter and you get conventional paddles behind the wheel, rather than the buttons that appeared on early PDK cars.

The suspension has been lowered by 10mm, and should you go for the carbon ceramic brake option, the ultimate in stopping power is underfoot.

History, presence and power make it



GTS suspension is even lower to the ground

for the unusual view.

Firing it up creates the purposeful burble and distinctive rasp from the flat six and the firm but not over-heavy clutch takes up smoothly.

Trundling around city streets reveals a car that is stiffly sprung but not harsh: you may be aware of the bumps you cover but only disturbed by the worst potholes. If you're lucky enough to drive to work every day you'll step out smiling rather than grimacing and holding your back.

It's only noisy in the way you would wish, with the engine falling away when driven conservatively. But that's some-

thing you'll be doing as infrequently as possible.

Pushing on is what the GTS does best, and a clear stretch of road is the perfect opportunity. Select a low gear, squeeze the accelerator and it responds almost before you ask.

An immediate hardening of the engine note is accompanied by a determined surge, regardless of engine speed, and as the revs rise the push becomes more emphatic until the need for a gear change is almost met with relief, unless, of course, you tick the PDK option, in which case accelerative bursts become one almighty blast until bravery or legal-



The black-finished alloy wheels go well with a classic colour such as white

ity intervenes.

The engine dominates the experience, and any excuse to hear it sing is a pleasure.

Better still, the GTS comes with the sports exhaust which can be turned up at the push of a button.

## Firm

The first bend will be despatched with relish thanks to the immaculate responses from steering, brakes and throttle.

Stand firm on the reassuringly strong middle pedal then peel into a bend, and the GTS is itching to obey your com-

mands, without hesitation and with pinpoint accuracy.

Grip is immense and almost unshakable, but push hard enough and there are sideways antics to be had.

It is immensely capable and entirely flattering, a thing for the novice to enjoy and the master to savour.

As if that wasn't sufficient, the boring stuff is sorted too. The front boot offers reasonable space, you have a massive choice of options and especially with the PDK gearbox fitted there is surprisingly good economy – if you can resist the mesmerising performance.



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A traditionally styled semi detached property offering well planned accommodation in need of some modernisation but offering ideal opportunity for investment. Porch, Front door to Reception Hall Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore and Rear Gardens

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**LOT 6**

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**LOT 9**

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Traditional semi detached property in need of complete modernisation and improvement comprising Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore and Rear Garden.

**WALSALL**  
88a The Crescent

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**LOT 10**

Traditionally styled semi detached dwelling house is situated on a prominent corner plot and comprises:- Porch, Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Tandem Double Garage / Workshop, In and Out Driveway, Fore and Rear Gardens.

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## Hyundai's great way to jump waiting list

HYUNDAI is offering to help buyers on waiting lists for its popular ix35 model.

The compact cross-over vehicle has proven to be a popular choice – especially the 2.0-litre diesel variant – not only across Europe, but also worldwide.

According to the Korean firm, its ix35 1.7-litre diesel model is more freely available, allowing Hyundai to offer such cars to its 200 longest waiting customers as an interim solution.

### Original

The offer will enable customers to own a new 1.7-litre diesel manual ix35 immediately, and run it until their original ix35 2.0-litre diesel is ready. Customers can then move to the new 2.0-litre car – all for the price of their original order.

In practice, a customer would buy a 1.7-litre diesel ix35 from their dealership before the end of March – at the same time completing any part-exchange they intended.

When the customer's ix35 2.0-litre diesel they ordered is ready, they can part-exchange the 1.7-litre diesel at the price they paid for it, against their new 2.0 diesel – paying only the difference between the price they paid for the 1.7-litre and the price of the new 2.0-litre car as previously agreed with their dealer.

In addition, Hyundai will give the customer £300 to cover costs that may be incurred for arranging



Popular demand – drive Hyundai's ix35 1.7-litre, then upgrade

finance and insurance on two cars instead of one.

Commenting on the initiative, Tony Whitehorn, Hyundai UK's managing director said: "The demand for ix35 and long waiting list demonstrates the popularity of the vehicle.

"But we are very aware of the inconvenience that these delays are causing our customers.

"We are doing all we can to improve the situation and constantly looking at ways to alleviate the wait. Customer satisfaction is our priority and we hope that this offer of an alternative ix35 will be attractive for our longest waiting customers."

Hyundai is also looking at the feasibility of rolling out this offer to other customers.

## Ten ways to be frugal with your fuel as the oil prices escalate

ROAD SAFETY and breakdown organisation GEM Motoring Assist is urging drivers to be as fuel efficient as possible – and has come up with tips to make your tank last longer.

### 1. Get it checked

To ensure maximum efficiency, have your car serviced regularly by a recognised garage. The money spent can make you savings in the long term.

### 2. Tread carefully

Ensure tyres are always inflated to the correct pressure. Tyres which are under-inflated by even a small amount increase fuel consumption noticeably.

Check them at least once a month and try to check pressures when the tyres are warm after a short drive as "cold" tyres give a false low pressure reading.

### 3. Lose weight

Never carry unnecessary weight

in the car as it will reduce efficiency. Also remove roof-racks, cycle-racks and storage boxes when they are not being used as they affect the aerodynamics of the car.

### 4. Hot and cold

Do not waste fuel by warming the car before a journey. However a warm engine is more efficient than a cold one so try to carry out all your trips in succession so the engine does not get cold.

### 5. Plan ahead

Take time to plan your journeys to avoid congestion, ensure you take the best route.

### 6. Slow down

Reducing your average speed by just a few miles per hour can have a noticeable effect on fuel consumption and your wallet.

Driving at 70mph uses nine per cent more fuel than driving at 60mph.

### 7. Nice and easy does it

Most drivers could save a significant amount of fuel by simply

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### 8. Keep your cool

Most newer cars are fitted with air conditioning. If the extra cooling is not needed switch the air conditioning off to reduce demand on the engine.

However, the system must not be turned off for long periods as harmful bacteria can build up and it could prove costly to repair. Use air conditioning sparingly.

### 9. Exploring for fuel

Prices can vary greatly. However, if it requires an extra journey to find where to save a few pence per litre there may not be an overall saving.

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# SPORT

## RUGBY

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# Rested Aldridge return on fire Walsall leave comeback too late

## ALDRIDGE 36 WHITTINGTON 16

After a two-week lay-off Aldridge bounced back with this comfortable league victory over visitors Whittington.

They scored six converted tries but it was the visitors who opened proceedings with a Nigel Brookes penalty after just two minutes. The home side forwards then began to assert themselves and were in the ascendancy for much of the rest of the match but in the first quarter, despite exerting plenty of pressure, were unable to make the try line and convert this advantage into points.

Stubborn resistance from Whittington managed to keep things intact during this siege and it was only when Aldridge began attacking

from deep positions that the visitors defence began to look shaky.

Winger Alex Yates opened the Aldridge scoring, latching on to a ball at the end of some forward interplay, using his pace to split the defence and touch down mid-way out.

Whittington reduced the deficit 10 minutes later with a second Brookes penalty but Aldridge hit back with two tries in the last 10 minutes of the half – the first from flanker Ben Drinkwater and the second a fine individual effort from scrum-half Chris Jones with a powerful run from half way, holding off tackles to score close to the posts.

The home side now had their tails up and a brace of tries from No8 Ben Pittam early in the second half virtu-

ally killed the game off. Both came off determined runs from wide positions with the No8 taking the ball powerfully through the defenders on both occasions to touch down in the corner.

The visitors raised their effort, Aldridge relaxed and were soon fighting a rearguard action themselves to preserve the integrity of their own line.

Whittington No8 Richard Graham crossed twice to reduce the deficit but a final flourish from Aldridge produced some disarray in the visitors defence allowing centre Ashley Shingler to intercept and cross between the posts.

Scrum-half Chris Jones, giving a kicking master class, converted all six tries.

## WHITCHURCH 30 WALSALL 24

Whitchurch were in the lead within two minutes with Winger Crank scoring wide out after two successive scrums.

The visitors were guilty of committing some basic errors at the breakdown, and their misdemeanours were punished to establish an 11-0 lead. Eventually, Walsall got on the scoreboard with Fitzgerald getting the try that was converted by Matt Wood.

Just before half time Whitchurch broke through four Walsall tacklers to score.

The second half started well for Walsall as the host failed to gather a high kick, winger Alex Greenslade reacted quickly and ran deep into opposition territory before passing to

Fitzgerald. He was pulled down just short of the line, but captain Steve Halbert gathered the ball and broke through to score.

Wood added the conversion, and 10 minutes later he gave Walsall a 16-17 lead after putting over a 25 metre penalty.

The Whitchurch team regrouped and centre Jimmy Mullock crash over for a try. Nicholas' conversion established a six point lead. The closing ten minutes saw the visitors try desperately to regain the advantage, but it was Mullock who struck again as he intercepted a Walsall pass to score.

Nicholas put over the conversion to make it 30-17 with seven minutes left. Walsall made it 30-22 through Harvey Wotton. Wood's conversion

made it 30-24, thus securing a losing bonus point. This Saturday Walsall play Lichfield.

The United had a good, 36-10, win over Worcester Wanderers 2nd XV. Tries scored by Richard Coleman(2), Jono Edwards, Gregg Santana and Dan Boulger. Richard Mills kicked four conversions and a penalty.

The 3rd XV had to work hard to secure a 17-9 victory over Handsworth 2nd XV. Tries from Gordie Houston, Gareth Tillott and Ben Biggi. Sam Pounds added one conversion.

**Walsall Junior Rugby**  
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This was a fiercely competitive match, with both teams displaying good rugby skills.

## PELSALL VILLA

# Revival stalls at the walls of the Castle

## PELSALL VILLA 0 CASTLE VALE JKS 2

Villa's mini-revival came to a halt as Castle Vale JKS went home with all three points after a disappointing 90 minutes at the Bush.

Villa put the visitors under pressure from the off and Craig Timmins headed wide before Mitchell Green was denied by goalkeeper John Green.

On 10 minutes, a break by JKS saw Stephen Palmer play the ball inside to Mark Morris. He flicked the ball to Simon Valenti, who laid the ball into the path of James Travis to score.

Villa went looking for the equaliser, a corner was halfcleared to Littler on 14 minutes and he hit a first time drive inches wide.

A minute later, a Littler right wing free-kick beyond the far post was headed back inside and Ashley Lawley looped a header over the bar.

On 21 minutes, Palmer intercepted a pass, raced through two tackles and hit a low drive inches wide.

The defining point of the game came on 36 minutes when a ball was played out wide to Chris Yates, he cut inside and hit a ball high towards goal and it bounced off the top of the far post and into the net.

Villa replied immediately, Green racing onto a ball over the top, the keeper half-stopped his shot and flattened the striker but went unpunished.

Two minutes after the restart Daniel Hall cut in from the right and Green was out quickly to make a brave save. The second goal demoralised Villa and they tried hard to get back into the game but this time the major decisions went against them.

On Saturday they travel to Cadbury before re-training Pershore on Tuesday April 5.

## BARTLEY GREEN 1 PELSALL VILLA 3

Villa made it three wins on the trot as goals from Ashley Lawley, Mitchell Green and Ryan Williams saw them capitalise on the 40th minute dismissal of Dan Mroczkowski for an off the ball incident.

It was an interesting start with both sides looking to get forward, but it was Villa who threatened first, a long ball out of defence found Mitchell Green whose through ball for Daniel Hall was fly-kicked clear by keeper Adam Marusiak.

With the clock showing 45 minutes Villa won a corner, the ball was delivered into the box and a melee developed, Lawley taking charge to hammer the ball home.

In the second half Bentley picked the ball up wide left, cut inside and hit a ball over the top of the defence for Green who lobbed the advancing keeper who got fingertips to the ball but couldn't stop it entering the net. Five minutes later an exquisite move ripped the opposition apart, Hall chased a ball wide right before laying the ball back along the line to Green, who cut the ball back for Bentley to roll the ball into the path of Williams to score.

Wardle had the last word as he ran on to a through ball and slid the ball past the advancing Collins.

**Bill Shaw**

## RUSHALL OLYMPIC

# Obeng strike dashes hopes for Grantham

## RUSHALL 1 GRANTHAM 0

A quality finish from talented teenager Ahmed Obeng proved to be the difference between play-off chasing Rushall Olympic and Grantham Town in a full-blooded contest that turned into a titanic battle at Dales Lane.

Rushall maintained the same starting line-up that had clinically dispatched Sheffield FC in midweek, while Adie Smith and Christian Dacres took their places on the substitute's bench after recovering from recent injury.

A strong opening from Grantham put the hosts firmly on to the back foot as their clear aerial advantage and aggressiveness in the tackle gave Rushall plenty to think about.

Despite their confident start the visitors rarely got beyond the Rushall rearguard and it was the Pics who went closest on 12 minutes when Sean Platt's free-kick was played deep into the penalty and headed goalwards by Nick Amos, only to see keeper Rob Murray gather safely.

## Inconsistencies

The increasingly belligerent mood of the encounter was not helped by some glaring inconsistencies shown by the match officials, which was typified when Town's Sucharewycz was barely admonished for a tackle that left Danny Lennon require lengthy treatment, while a few minutes later Lucan Spittle was booked without hesitation following a 50/50 challenge.

Five minutes into the second period, the hosts appeared to make a tactical substitution as unlucky front runner Lennon was replaced by defender Smith in a move that allowed Amos to advance into an enforcing role to add a combative presence to the midfield territorial battle.

Olympic threatened on the hour mark as Lei Brown got to the right hand by-line, before pulling the ball back to Obeng, who rifled first time into the side netting at the near post from 12 yards with the Grantham keeper seemingly beaten.

The key moment of the contest arrived in the 71st minute and began with a defensive clearance from Sucharewycz that dropped deep into Rushall terri-



Rushall's Nick Amos and Lei Brown go for the ball.



Matthew Lewis climbs high for Rushall.

tory, only to see the ball returned in kind by Mitchell Tolley. After bringing the high ball under control Sucharewycz inexplicably proceeded to spray an aimless pass into the centre of the pitch that livewire front-runner Obeng had already begun to chase.

## Bouncing

As the striker burst through the visitors defensive ranks he took up possession and as keeper Murray advanced off his line to narrow the angle he deftly lofted a superb finish from the right side of the box and just inside the far post, bouncing off the upright on its way in. As the minutes ebbed away a treble substitution by Grantham saw them go for broke as they pushed forward in numbers and with barely 60 seconds of normal time left on the watch it almost

paid off. Rushall were indebted to a superb save from keeper Chris Gemmell who denied Ben Saunders as the Town skipper burst into the right side of the penalty area and unleashed a venomous drive.

The hosts survived again when Matt Glass latched on to the loose ball and his stinging strike clipped the top of the crossbar on its way out for a goalkick.

The thoroughly deserved victory against a strong and imposing Town outfit saw the Pics climb up into sixth position at the expense of their Lincolnshire rivals, leaving Rushall level on points but with two games in hand.

Above Olympic, local rivals Sutton Coldfield Town's superior goal difference holds sway, while fourth-placed Newcastle Town maintain a three-point advantage.

## HOCKEY

# Ladies best to the nines

## BLOXWICH LADIES 2NDS

## KEELE 1 BLOXWICH 9

Well another superb result for the 2nds with lots of goals.

Bloxwich didnt play to their best but still got the result they needed. The first half was good with lots of passing and pressing play.

The 2nds led at half time 7-1 which was great but couldnt keep up the scoring in the second half.

Great play resulted in skillful goals. Emma Pearce scored two super goals one of which was a diving swim.

Stevh Dean added to the goal total as she bagged two. Charlotte Mincher worked well and got a well-deserved goal.

The defending was not up to scratch today hence the one goal they got. There is just one more game to the season.

## BLOXWICH MEN'S 1ST TEAM

## OSWESTRY 0 BLOXWICH 5

Bloxwich won promotion on the last day of the season with this excellent away win.

They knew they had to win the game and hope Pershore would lose a point at home to kynoch.

Bloxwich dominated the game with the defence staying solid and Oswestry only having two shots on goal.

Tom Marshall scored his first for Bloxwich and Adam Baldwin scored four taking his total to 36 for the season and the league's top scorer for the second year running.

Bloxwich were back in there clubhouse celebrating the strong end to the season when the result from Pershore came through and they had been beaten by Kynoch 4-3 which meant Bloxwich had gained promotion.

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## SADDLERS NOW IN THE WAITING GAME

### Gray will tear league apart says Smith

Walsall boss Dean Smith has hailed Julian Gray's "Premier League" class and backed him to tear League One apart.

The Saddlers chief reckons his wing wonder will be unplayable in the fight for survival as Walsall battle the League One drop.

Gray's star turn in Friday's 1-1 draw at MK Dons helped the fourth-bottom Saddlers to a point and he has excelled under Smith since the boss gave him a licence to thrill.

Smith praised Gray's efforts since January and insisted the former Blues ace has star quality. "He's showed his Premier League class and he's been showing that for the last couple of months, he's done fantastically well for us," he said.

"Long may it continue because with that form he's a force to be reckoned with and there won't be many players who are able to play against him."

"On Friday he had the right back turning around in circles."

The 31-year-old has bagged eight goals this term – a career best – and has four assists. Smith knows Gray can go higher – but wants to keep him.

He said: "I'm certain Julian can play at a higher level but he's here and I'm hoping he's happy with us. He's worked really hard and he's put in a shift. At the moment what's happening on the pitch matters to him and it can only be good for us."

Gray is out of contract at the end of the season but Smith isn't thinking about losing his prized asset while the Saddlers battle against relegation.

He added: "We'll have to wait and see what happens there but at the moment he's putting in a shift for us."

Despite Gray's form Smith swelled his midfield ranks with Millwall loanee Marc Laird and Sunderland wide man Jordan Cook last week.

The duo made their debuts on Friday and Smith reckons they will boost the Saddlers' hopes.

"I was pleased with the two lads," said the boss. "Laird showed his quality while Cook has certainly got pace and I'm sure when games get stretched towards the end he will get his chance and take it."

"They give us options."

#### MK DONS 1 WALSALL 1

Now comes the hard part. Walsall must watch a season-defining two weeks from the sidelines knowing they could do no more to maintain their survival hopes.

An excellent point at MK Dons last Friday failed to lift them out of the bottom four but sent a message to their rivals that they are still fighting.

It moved them closer to safety and ensured others must earn results in their games in hand over the next 14 days to turn the heat back on.

Walsall have done their bit and it's now a case of watching and waiting – events now are out of their control.

Between now and when the Saddlers travel to Plymouth on April 9, Dagenham play four times and Yeovil three, while Swindon and the Pilgrims make up their games in hand.

For all their bullish survival talk Walsall must rely on others and hope the footballing Gods look down on them favourably.

Saddlers supporters will now become honorary Sheffield Wednesday, Brighton, Exeter and Peterborough fans in the hope they will knock Dagenham off their stride.

Should Walsall return to action within striking distance of safety it will set up one of the most titanic run-ins for years.

With just one defeat in seven games they are one of the form teams at the bottom and a two-week break isn't ideal, but it will give boss Dean Smith a chance to fully impose himself on the players.

He has bemoaned the lack of training time he has had with his charges but can now insert the final pieces of his escape plan.

When he took over in January there was no base for a revival and even less belief the Saddlers could actually beat the drop. But Smith's powers of recovery have left Walsall on 40 points and in the mix for a serious survival bid.

#### Quality

Friday night's draw was just another example of the guts, guile and quality instilled into the team. In a superb, open, game they held their own.

A high octane, high tempo outing would have crushed the Saddlers earlier this season but they refused to buckle and a star turn from Julian Gray helped them claim a point.

Gray was virtually unplayable, tearing strips off the hapless Dan Woodards and leading the Saddlers' charge.

The 31-year-old has often been criticised, with his languid style being mistaken for a lack of effort, but there was no confusing the issue this time.

Gray has revelled in the freedom offered to him by Smith and while he added the style, Marco Gharssin added the steel. The Carlisle loanee was the unsung hero. Quietly, but purposefully, he went about his business to ensure Walsall claimed what they deserved.

It could have been more had referee Dave Phillips not awarded a penalty after Manny Smith looked to have felled Luke Chadwick.

Peter Leven's cheeky spot-kick cancelled out Matt Richards' first-half opener but the Saddlers were adamant Smith had played the ball.

That Smith gave the official the chance to award a penalty was a sin in itself and undid the hard work of a splendid first half, built on an early rearguard action.

Jimmy Walker saved twice from Sam Baldock within the first five minutes as the Dons threatened to carve the visitors apart.

Walsall struggled with Baldock's movement with Andy Butler and Smith being pulled apart but, slowly, began to fight back.

Emmanuel Ledesma – recalled after his Hartlepool heroics – and Darren Byfield combined to fashion a chance for debutant Marc Laird but the Millwall loanee's shot deflected wide.

Then, on 29 minutes, the Saddlers took the lead when the ever-impressive Ledesma wriggled free and set Gray away on



Marc Laird tracks former Saddler Jabo Ibehre.



Walsall debutant Jordan Cook on the attack.



Emmanuel Ledesma takes a shot at goal.



Things get a little rough for Darren Byfield.

the left. The winger checked inside and when his shot was blocked, Richards' controlled effort looped over Martin.

The Dons rallied and Stephen Gleeson and Daniel Powell were denied by last-gasp blocks before Powell blazed over two minutes before the break.

#### Shuddered

Six minutes after the restart, though, the Dons were level when Smith recklessly dived in on Chadwick and Leven's chipped penalty outfoxed Walker.

Gray's 25-yard rocket shuddered the crossbar as the Saddlers responded.

Baldock was the next to fluff his lines when he burst

through, only to be denied by Walker. The Saddlers' goal had led a charmed life and survived thanks to some robust defending and the Dons' profligacy.

And it was only an extraordinary miss which kept the visitors level 14 minutes from time. First, Baldock's header was cleared off the line by Butler but only as far as Angelo Balanta. The substitute had the goal at his mercy but contrived to hit the underside of the bar from just six yards.

Dons boss Karl Robinson insisted the ball had crossed the line and games are won and lost on small margins.

Walsall now have little margin for error but will know the size of their task soon enough.

Over to you, Dagenham.

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\*Plymouth deducted 10 points for going into administration

### Reserves heading to the Cup semis

The Saddlers reserve team have made it through to the semi-finals of the totospot.com League Cup finishing top of the mini-League, ahead of Derby County, Rotherham United and Lincoln City.

They now have a home clash with Scunthorpe United ahead of them, which will be at Banks' Stadium on March 29. Kick-off is 2pm.

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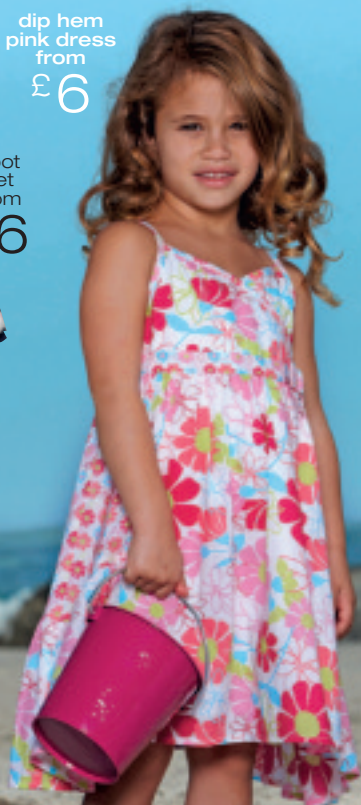
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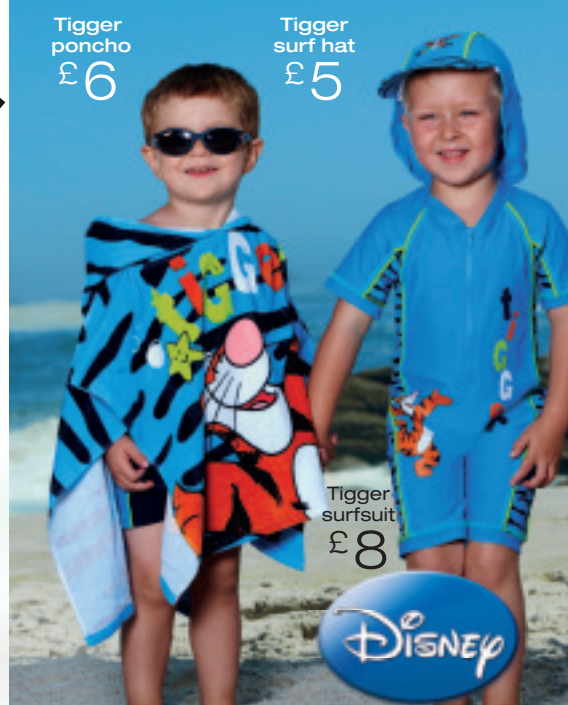


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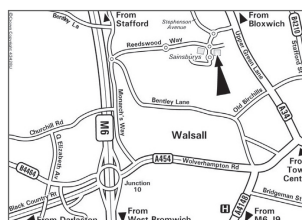
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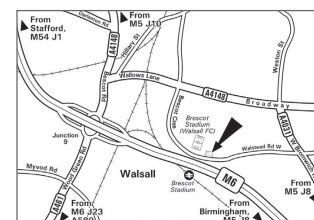
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